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First Methodist Church
Alexandria, Louisiana
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Theme
"Advancing With His Cross"

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Alexa McCain Becomes Missionary At Lucknow, India

ALEXA McCAIN

Miss Alexa McCain of 2017 Highland Avenue, Shreveport, is now teaching at Isabella Thoburn College for Women at Lucknow, the oldest Methodist college in India.

She was commissioned a foreign missionary by the Methodist board of mission and church extension in ceremonies at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., in December, 1948.

A native of Winn parish, Miss McCain is the daughter of the late Dr. C. M. McCain and Mrs. McCain, who resides at 2017 Highland in Shreveport. She joined the church when she was 16 and since then has been working toward becoming a missionary.

She was graduated from Louisiana Normal, now known as Northwestern State College, at Natchitoches, and was awarded a library science degree at Louisiana State University. She has studied at Moody Bible Institute, Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Ill., and at Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn.

The new missionary was librarian at Fair Park High School for several years and before that taught English at Oil City High School. She is a member of Noel Memorial Methodist Church. While teaching at Fair Park she was active in Mangum Memorial Methodist Church.

Miss McCain's great-grandfather was a Methodist minister, and an uncle is now a retired minister. Her mother's uncle was a Baptist minister.

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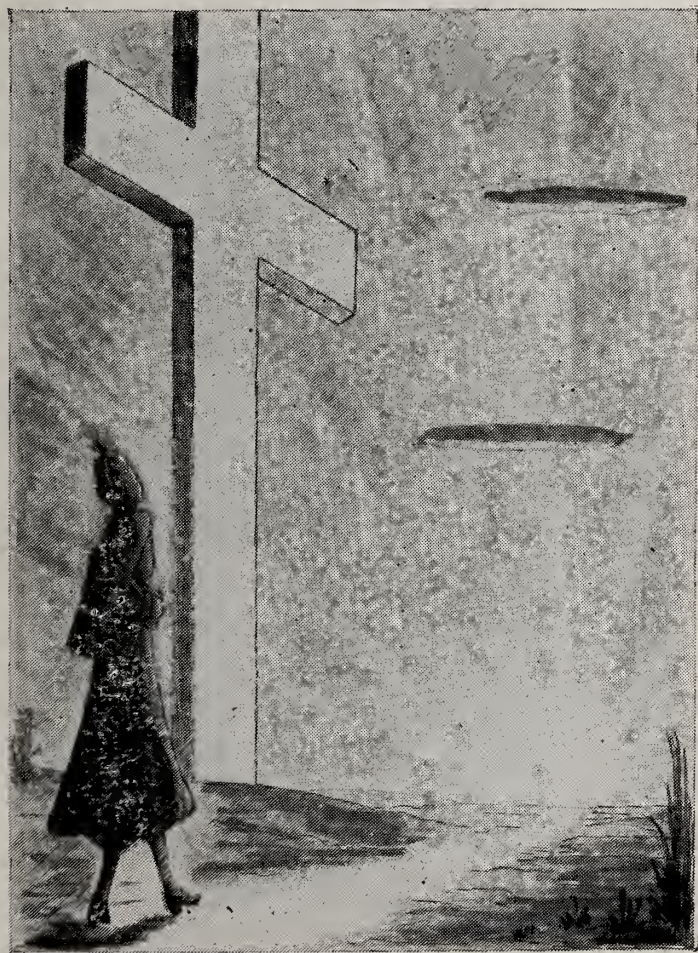
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PROGRAM

MONDAY, MARCH 21

- 2:00 P. M.—Executive Meeting, Trinity Church, Alexandria
6:00 P. M.—Dinner, Served by Women of the Trinity Society
7:00 P. M.—Executive Committee Meeting Continued

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Morning Session

- 9:30 A. M.—Registration in Education Building, First Methodist Church.
Social hour in Emma Owen Class Room, Guests of Class.
11:00 A. M.—Day Apart _____ Mrs. W. M. Alexander
"There is none other way unto life and to true inward
peace, except the way of the holy cross."
Thomas A. Kempis
12:30 P. M.—Sacrificial Meal and Love Offering for China.
Mrs. Guy M. Hicks, Presiding

Afternoon Session

- 1:30-3:00 P. M.—Continuation of Day Apart
6:00 P. M.—Wesleyan Service Guild Dinner, First Presbyterian Church _____ Mrs. R. H. Cole, Speaker
7:15 P. M.—Showing of Slides of Conference Mission Institutions _____ Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson

Evening Session

- 8:00 P. M.—Organ Prelude
Call to Worship _____ Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Wesleyan Service Guild Ritual
Advance Hymn: "Advance, Oh Church of God, Advance"
Evening Prayer _____ Rev. Virgil D. Morris
Choral Reading of the Scripture _____ Wesleyan Service Guilds
Anthem: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"
O'Hara _____ First Methodist Church Choir
President's Message _____ Mrs. Glenn Laskey
The Offering
Offertory Music
Offertory Solo: "Consider the Lilies"
John Pringle Scott _____ Mrs. J. M. McLemore
Hymn: "Take Up Thy Cross" _____ No. 230
Address: "The Advance for Missions"
Dr. Gaither P. Warfield
Benediction _____ Rev. Jolly B. Harper

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Morning Session

"And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is
not worthy of men." Matthew 10:38

- 8:30 A.M.—Organ Meditation
- 9:00 A. M.—Call to Worship Mrs. Virgil D. Morris
Hymn: "March On, O Soul With Strength"
- 9:10 A. M.—Presentation of Program Report of Registration
Committee Appointments Report of Recording Secretary
Courtesies
- 9:30 A. M.—Conference Officers' Hour: "Advancing With the Whole
Armour of God" Mrs. Ira Campbell, Presiding
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Hymn: "Soldiers of Christ Arise" No. 282
- 10:35 P. M.—"Advancing in Area of Christian Social Relations: Dis-
placed Persons" Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Presiding
Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, Speaker
Hymn: "Once To Every Man and Nation"
- 11:10 P. M.—"Advancing With His Cross in the Districts"
Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Presiding
- 12:00 Noon—Time Apart
Hymn: "Breathe On Me Breath of God" No. 180
Scripture: Psalms 62:8-11; Isaiah 40:28-31
Special Music: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My
Heart"
Meditation: "More Than We Are"
Mrs. W. M. Alexander
- 12:30 P. M.—World Outlook and Literature Luncheon
Mrs. Glen Nordyke, Presiding
Mrs. R. L. Cole, Speaker

Afternoon Session

"Am I A Soldier of the Cross, a Follower of the Lamb?"

- 2:00 P. M.—Organ Prelude
Hymn: "Am I A Soldier of the Cross?" No. 284
"Advancing Through Giving and Serving"
Mesdames L. B. Kilpatrick and Lee Tidwell, Presiding

3:15 P. M.—Order of Business: Balloting

3:25 P. M.—“The Watchword is Advance” Verse-speaking Choir

6:00 P. M.—World Federation Dinner, Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church Mrs. Sydney Fairchild, Presiding

Evening Session

“We dare not longer wait to share our Christ with all the world”

7:30 P. M.—Organ Prelude

Call to Worship Rev. George Harbuck

Hymn: “Advance, Oh Church of God, Advance”

Offering

Hymn: “Rise Up, O Men of God” No. 267

Address: “The Church Ecumenical”.....Dr. John Melton

Communion Service..... Rev. Virgil D. Morris, Presiding

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THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Morning Session

“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ”
Galatians 6:14

8:30 A. M.—Organ Meditation

9:00 A. M.—Call to Worship Mrs. W. L. Doss, Jr.
Hymn: “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” No. 261

9:15 A. M.—Order of Business: Report of the Minutes

9:20 A. M.—Recommendations of Advance Mrs. Sam Dunbar

9:30 A. M.—Report of the Standing Committees
Constitutions and By-Laws
Finance

9:50 A. M.—Report of Special Committees
Resolutions Place of Meeting, 1950

10:10 A. M.—“Advancing With His Cross Around the World”
Mrs. C. I. Jones, Presiding
“—In Cuba” Mrs. Clara Chalmers
“—In Japan” Miss Charlie Holland

11:15 A. M.—Time Apart
Hymn: “Lead On, O King Eternal” No. 278
Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-16; Jude 20
Meditation: “Faith Is the Victory”
Mrs. W. M. Alexander
Hymn: “Advance, Oh Church of God, Advance”
Adjournment

12:00 Noon—Buffet Luncheon, Emma Owen Class Room, Educational Building. Served by Crowell Circle, First Methodist Church Woman's Society of Christian Service

ADVANCE, OH CHURCH OF GOD

I

Advance, oh Church of God, advance!
Your banner be unfurled;
A higher sovereignty unites
The Kingdoms of this world.

Advance, oh Church of God, advance!
One World can never be
Until mankind, in search for truth,
Learns only love sets free.

II

Advance, oh Church of God, advance!
We dare not longer wait
To share our Christ with all the world.
It is already late!

The times in which our lives are lived
Are as a chastening rod.
The world, confused and changing, calls;
Advance, oh Church of God!

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Mrs. D. M. Campbell
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Mrs. Martin Miller

Mrs. Larkin Brantley
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Mrs. D. C. Metcalf

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Miss Nanee White
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Mrs. J. W. Patrick
Mrs. L. S. Broussard
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Mrs. E. E. Stewart

Visiting Institutions

Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Mrs. D. M. Campbell

Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Mrs. F. E. Kennon

Also the District President, the District Promotion Secretary, the District Treasurer and the District Secretary of Supplies of the following Districts: New Orleans, Shreveport and Lake Charles.

Spiritual Life

Mrs. Guy Hicks	Mrs. Carl J. Curtis
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Mrs. Philip Stanly	Mrs. Guy Kinnebrew
Mrs. W. A. Montegudo	Mrs. A. H. Wilcox

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Mrs. Sam Dunbar	Miss Grace Lawson
Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait	Mrs. Guy Hicks

Status of Women

Mrs. Otis Welch	Mrs. Ira Campbell
Mrs. H. M. Herff	

Constitution and By-Laws

Mrs. Charles Goldthwait	Mrs. E. E. Stewart
Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter	Mrs. S. J. Fairchild

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Mrs. C. I. Jones	Mrs. W. E. Trice
Mrs. Glenn Laskey	Mrs. J. B. Pollard
Mrs. D. M. Campbell	Mrs. E. A. Sartor
Miss Grace Lawson	

Delegates to Jurisdictional Society

Mrs. Glenn Laskey	Mrs. Sam Dunbar
Mrs. D. M. Campbell	Mrs. W. E. Trice
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick	Mrs. Ira Campbell

Alternates to Jurisdictional Society

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild	Mrs. Guy Hicks
Mrs. E. N. Jackson	Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait	Mrs. C. I. Jones

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Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait	Mrs. Geo. Willis
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Mrs. T. M. Ellis	Mrs. W. L. Fridge
Mrs. John E. Hoffpauir	Miss Susie Batton
Mrs. E. P. Cudd	Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter
Mrs. Glenn Laskey	

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Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait	Mrs. I. E. Lobrano	Mrs. Harvey Hall
Alternates—Mrs. Glenn Laskey and Mrs. S. J. Fairchild		

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Miss Grace Lawson	Miss Vera Winfree
Miss Dorothy Dunbar	Mrs. R. W. Smith
Miss Minza Rabun	Mrs. F. E. Kennon
Miss Helen Adams	Mrs. D. M. Campbell
Miss Fannie E. Burch	Mrs. Ira Campbell
Miss Mary Gladys Page	Mrs. C. I. Jones

Representatives on Annual Deaconess Board

Mrs. J. B. Pollard	Mrs. Glenn Laskey	Mrs. Lee Tidwell
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Representatives on Annual Conference Commission on Town and Country

Miss Elizabeth Thompson	Mrs. Ira Campbell
Mrs. Glenn Laskey	Mrs. J. B. Pollard

CALENDAR

Interim Period

January-May, 1949

- January
Pledge and budget made for five month interim.
- February
South Central Jurisdiction Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 15, 16, 17.
- March
Ninth Annual Meeting W. S. C. S., Alexandria, La., March 21, 22, 23. Nominating Committee appointed.
- April
Election of officers, Day Apart Services, Holy Week. Treasurer close books, April 20. Pledge paid in full. Officers Visitation.
- May
District Meeting, Quarterly Reports sent District officers. Installation of officers. Caravans—Zone Meetings, Visitation, Annual Louisiana Conference, Noel Memorial Church —May 31-June 4. New Conference year.
- June
New W. S. C. S. fiscal year begins. Pledges and budget made for year. Pledge reported to District Promotion Secretary and District Treasurer. Executive Committee Meeting (?)
- July
School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark. July 5-16. Treasurer close books July 20. Reports due.
- August
Quarterly Reports sent District officers. Pastors' School and School of Missions, Centenary College, Shreveport, La., August 31-September 4.
- September
District Educational Seminars.
- October
Mid-Year Conference Executive Committee Meeting. Conference Social Action, New Orleans, La. Week of Prayer October 22-28. Treasurer close books October 20. Reports due.
- November
Quarterly reports sent District officers. Special thanks offerings.
- December
Christmas program. Special membership month.
- January
Treasurer close books January 20. Reports due.

February

Quarterly reports sent District officers. Appoint nominating Committee.

March

Elect officers. Elect delegate to W. S. C. S. Conference. Tenth Annual Meeting W. S. C. S.

April

Pledge paid in full by April 20. Close books for fiscal year. Assembly Cleveland, Ohio, April 18, 19, 20. Expanded Jurisdictional Executive Committee, Cleveland. Observance of Day-Apart, Holy Week.

May

Annual Reports due District officers. District Meetings. Visitation-Caravaning.

PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE ADVANCE

“O Lord Jesus Christ, who biddest thy church to bring all men to thyself and to make all mankind one family in thee, make clear to each one of us (our) part in the task. Fire our minds with a vision of a more perfect society here on earth in which justice and right, peace and brotherhood shall reign according to thy will; And help us, each one, O Lord, to do our part, that thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.”
(From the Advance Clipper)

TIME OF PRAYING

1. Every day in your private quiet hour.
2. Every week, if possible, with some small, intimate group.
3. Every public meeting of W. S. C. S. in some special way.
4. Every committee meeting of any kind.
5. Every Sunday during church worship.

OBJECTS FOR PRAYER

1. Pray for all Christian workers **BY NAME** as listed in the 1949 Prayer Calendar.
2. For projects listed on Fellowship of Intercession cards.
3. For our Louisiana Conference workers and projects; for our pastors and churches.
4. For the leaders of our Woman's Division, Jurisdiction, Conferences, Districts and local societies.
5. For ourselves, that we may serve worthily and joyously.

ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

NO DARK BEYOND

There is no night, where they have gone,
There is no dark beyond the door.
And now they wait in heaven's dawn,
Upon an ever luminous shore.

May Smith White (Mrs. J. R.)
First Church, Monroe, La.

MEMORIAL ROLL

Alexandria District

Mrs. R. C. Culpepper—First Methodist Church, Alexandria
Mrs. A. Hynson—First Methodist Church, Alexandria
Mrs. Laura Pearson—First Methodist Church, Alexandria
Mrs. J. R. Watts—Winnfield
Mrs. French—Marksville

MEMORIAL ROLL

Baton Rouge District

Mrs. Suse Wunsch—Tickfaw
Mrs. Lorena Prevost—Tickfaw
Mrs. T. H. Davidge—Tickfaw
Mrs. Daisy Scarles—Amite
Miss Florence Pipes—Amite
Mrs. C. K. Bayliss—First Church, Baton Rouge
Mrs. H. H. Hicks—First Church, Baton Rouge
Mrs. N. S. Humphreys—North Baton Rouge
Mrs. W. J. Browning—Bethel
Mrs. Bertha Gritzeit—Clinton
Mrs. J. E. Cooper—Bogalousa
Miss Annie Howes—Wesley Chapel
Mrs. Rosa Riley—Ponchatoula

MEMORIAL ROLL

Lake Charles District

Mrs. R. C. Allen—Abbeville
Mrs. Marion Morgan—Abbeville
Mrs. R. L. Love—DeRidder
Mrs. D. H. Smith—DeRidder
Mrs. M. Thompson—DeRidder
Mrs. S. O. Turner—DeRidder
Miss Helen Lewis—Eunice
Mrs. F. A. Ainsworth—Lake Charles
Mrs. Howard H. Hebert—Lake Charles
Mrs. S. C. Williams—Lake Charles
Mrs. Leona L. Riggs—New Iberia
Mrs. Gerry W. Taylor—New Iberia

MEMORIAL ROLL

Monroe District

Mrs. C E. Roberts—Columbia
Mrs. Flora Wooten—Columbia
Mrs. Carl Shipp, Jr.—Wisner
Mrs. S. R. Wright—First Church, Monroe

MEMORIAL ROLL
New Orleans District

Mrs. Alma Albrizze—Algiers
Mrs. S. W. Jackson—Canal St., New Orleans
Mrs. Emma McHough—Felicity, New Orleans
Mrs. J. L. Williams—First Church, New Orleans
Mrs. S. J. Cooper—Franklin
Mrs. C. J. Benoit—Franklin
Mrs. George Kirtland—Harahan, New Orleans
Mrs. Gertrude C. Dreher—Morgan City
Mrs. Ella Marshall—Munholland Memorial, New Orleans
Miss Carrie Henderson—Rayne Memorial, New Orleans
Mrs. Bell Sellers—Second Church, New Orleans
Mrs. W. L. Ellis—Slidell

MEMORIAL ROLL
Ruston District

Mrs. Ella Scott—Arcadia
Mrs. Wimberly Woodwin—Heflin
Mrs. W. M. Kent—Homer
Mrs. A. M. LeSage—Homer
Mrs. W. W. Moreland—Homer
Mrs. C. P. White, Sr.—Homer
Mrs. Jesse Hortman—Minden
Mrs. B. W. Jackson—Minden
Mrs. D. D. Mims—Minden
Mrs. J. T. Taylor—Minden
Miss Eliza Todd—Minden
Mrs. Robin L. Smith—Springhill

MEMORIAL ROLL
Shreveport District

Mrs. E.E. Bawsel—Noel Memorial, Shreveport
Mrs. Virgil Clements—Munnerlyn Chapel
Mrs. Mary Doles—Mangum Memorial, Shreveport
Mrs. Reuben Douglas—Gilliam
Mrs. Maggie Herndon—Mansfield
Mrs. Maggie Hilliard—Wynn Memorial, Shreveport
Mrs. T. B. Lanford, Sr.—Mangum Memorial, Shreveport
Mrs. Thomas Maum—Wynn Memorial, Shreveport
Mrs. J. L. White—First Church, Shreveport
Mrs. F. E. Wilkerson—First Church, Shreveport

JURISDICTION CONFERENCE REPORT—1949

Women from all sections of our South Central Jurisdiction gathered in Tulsa, Oklahoma in February for our Annual Conference. With the stirring and challenging theme: "ADVANCE!—Forward Through Faith", and with our three "B's" to guide us (Brooks, Barr, and Bragg), we launched into a busy session of information and inspiration.

During the opening moments of the Conference, Mrs. C. A. Barr,

our Jurisdiction President, told us that there is an URGENCY about our Christian task today as there has never been before. Eight young people from our Jurisdiction were dedicated at Buck Hill Falls in December, but many more are needed. We have eleven young people in training schools, but the call is for more and more. Each Conference has been asked to set as its goal, one new worker for every thousand members, and there is a call for fifty young people to go to India for three years—"I 3's". Two of our students, a Chinese and an American, told us what Christianity means to them; "Scarritt makes you feel that God is your Father. Faith gives meaning to life. Students need something to hold on to; a sound theology; an understanding of the reality of God, but the greatest thing they need is more faith." We were urged to pray for our students, for in praying for them, we are praying for a future world. The task of building a new world out of chaos demands sturdy, consecrated young people.

Mrs. M. G. Wagner brought us the "Challenge of Home Missions". Missions: The Hand of God reaching out over the world through human hands. Home Missions: Trying to show many types of people what God is like. So many people at the Crossroads of Life need Christian help and support.

Mrs. Frank Brooks and Miss Charlie Holland told of our work in the Orient. "It is later than you think in the Orient. Really, it is later than it has ever been. Christianity has five years in Japan in which to act. We must act quickly. A new commandment is needed: 'Be ye well informed'." Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, principal of our Hiroshima Girls' School in Japan, told us the story of the bombing of Hiroshima in a very realistic way and what wonderful work our schools are doing to Christianize Japan.

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, in following the theme of the Conference, said that "the outlook for the Kingdom of God is as great as His promises in this world rampant with fear. The man who walks with God must keep moving. Christ always beckons us when we think we have attained a goal. 'Come on', He says, 'there is much more to be done'."

The East Oklahoma Conference entertained us with three unique luncheons, beautifully planned and carried out: a Chinese, an African, and an Indian luncheon. Many of the Indians attended the luncheon in their native dress, serving us and entertaining us with songs and stories of their work. The Indians have been called the "Displaced Persons of yesterday".

There is never a more thrilling moment than when Ambassadors of Christ at home and abroad tell of their work and experiences. The service of a long line of deaconesses and missionaries formed a golden cord when they were presented, having served a combination of 876 years. There were thirty-nine deaconesses and ten missionaries from six foreign countries represented.

God has all the resources and powers to use through humans to meet the needs of the world. They are for us who are the "Keepers of the Eternal Flame". May we, as Christians in America, take hold of the eternal realities, cast off any paralyzing influences we may have, and truly ADVANCE and go Forward through Faith!

Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Reporting

Minutes of
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
of the
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
of the
METHODIST CHURCH
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 19-21, 1948

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19, 1948

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met at 6:30 p.m., October 19, 1948 in the commodious dining room of the Faculty Club on the Louisiana State University Campus, as guests of the Woman's Society of University Church.

The Executive Committee was cordially welcomed by Mrs. W. O. Coopender, president of the local society, who asked Mrs. Laskey, Conference President, to introduce each member of the Committee. Mrs. Coopender then presented the members of her society and expressed their joy and privilege of having the conference officers meet with them.

Mrs. Laskey voiced the appreciation of the committee for the hospitality extended by the Woman's Society of University Church.

The tables were beautiful with silver bowls of pink roses and rose of Montana, softened with lights from pink candles in three branched silver candelabra.

Guests found their places at the table from the originality of the place cards designed by Mrs. Dale Bennett, the drawing on the cards complimentary to the various offices held by the members.

The opening session of the mid-year meeting was called to order with Mrs. Laskey, President, in the chair.

Mrs. C. I. Jones presented a brief meditation, using scripture from Paul's letter to the Romans as a foundation for her thoughts on the preeminence of God and His love and patience. Mrs. Jones then led in prayer followed by the group's prayerfully singing one verse of "Are Ye Able?"

Mrs. Laskey welcomed the new members to the committee who were: Mrs. J. W. Williams, Promotion Secretary of the Ruston District, Mrs. L. S. Broussard, Promotion Secretary of the New Orleans District, Mrs. A. F. Hanson, Promotion Secretary and President of the New Orleans District and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Deaconess of Louisiana.

Mrs. Bornman made announcements as to accommodations for the committee members.

The roll was called by the secretary. The president expressed regret in the absence of the following members and explained their absence: Mesdames George Sexton, Jr., Guy Hicks, J. W. Patrick, J. H. McSween, Gladys Hoffpauir, R. Martin Miller, Misses Grace Lawson and Nanee White.

Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Metcalf were instructed to send appropriate messages to the absentees.

The President called attention to the great importance of this Executive meeting as it was to be concerned with the changes in the organization and to study the Four-Point Program of Advance.

She spoke briefly of her agenda and expressed appreciation for the privilege and opportunities afforded her in attending the various meetings over the United States.

Mrs. Ledbetter told of a gift presented Mrs. Bragg by the Division Executive Committee and the various conferences of a beautiful purse with a large check inclosed, given to her before her departure for the Amsterdam meeting.

Mrs. Laskey mentioned the Louisiana Conference being very fortunate in having its own Mrs. Sexton and Dr. Johns elected to the Board of Missions.

The reports of officers followed. **Vice-President—Mrs. S. J. Fairchild.** Mrs. Fairchild stated that the use of the report blanks for vice-presidents have been of much value. She reported a decline in the giving of Life Memberships which was attributed to the raising of the Conference pledge this year. Mrs. Fairchild stressed the necessity of societies turning in all money from their treasuries at the close of the year.

Mrs. Laskey gave the slogan from the Division Meeting in Columbus, Ohio which was "Empty your treasuries and open your hearts".

A letter was read by the president from Mrs. Bragg, which was written at the close of the meeting in Columbus, urging the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to cooperate in every way with teaching and preaching phases of the Quadrennial Advance Program and any assistance the Woman's Society may be able to render to the church as a whole. The goal set for the Woman's Society was a 1,000,000 member increase.

The W. S. C. S. will not have as its responsibility the financing of the World Service program of the quadrennial advance for the entire church.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. N. Jackson. 1,030 copies of the Annual Report were printed at a cost of \$690.50. After all officers were supplied, complimentary copies were sent to those designated and the remaining copies of over 500 were sold at 35c per copy. Some copies were held by the promotion secretaries to be sold wherever needed.

Mrs. Jackson thanked the committee for the cooperation and assistance given her in compiling the Annual Report.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of the National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City, Missouri was read by the secretary, thanking the Louisiana Conference for its part in the gift of \$1,000 towards the "Lucille Sexton Browsing Nook".

It was voted that the recording secretary be privileged to exchange copies of the annual report with sister conferences in the jurisdiction.

Treasurer—Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick. Attention was called by Mrs. Kilpatrick to the "In Remembrance" plan which makes possible the giving of money to the work of the Division, in the place of flowers, when a beloved member dies.

It was voted that the district treasurers be made members of the Executive Committee.

This was referred to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to make said change in Article III, Section 1 on Executive Committee.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE COMMITTEE
MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE MEETING, OCTOBER 1948**

1. We recommend that the Conference Quarters for reporting be set up beginning May, 1949 as **FIRST QUARTER**, May June, July; **SECOND QUARTER**, August, September, October; **THIRD QUARTER**, November, December, January; **FOURTH QUARTER**, February, March, April.

2. We recommend that in the Fourth Quarter, 1948, the Local Societies be urged to "**OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND EMPTY YOUR TREASURIES**," of all funds not budgeted for a definite purpose, and that special emphasis be put on Special Memberships, Thank Offerings, Christmas Offerings, as means of meeting the increased needs around the world.

3. We recommend that for the five months interim—January 1, to May 31, 1949, that each woman make her total pledge **TWO THIRDS** ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the amount she gave in 1948, in order to meet the $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ increase in giving needed for the Advance Program of the Woman's Division.

4. We recommend that the Conference giving on appropriations for the interim period—January 1, 1949 to May 31, 1949—be **TWO THIRDS** ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the total given in 1948 on appropriations.

5. We recommend that the Annual Reports of Officers and Workers be limited to four hundred (400) words, with the exception of the President, Promotion Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Supplies.

6. We recommend that the price of the Annual Conference be fifty cents.

7. We recommend that from a student fund of \$100.00 held in the Conference Treasury we send Marzette Stephens at Scarritt College \$10.00 a month for 10 months.

8. We recommend that all requests by Pastors for funds for projects other than those of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Guild be referred to the District Superintendents; and that District Superintendents be requested to discourage solicitation of such funds from the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. We recommend that be made a **Standing Rule**.

9. We would call attention to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Division Article 5, Section 2 which states "All funds for whatsoever source raised under the auspices of the Woman's Society belong to the organization and shall be disbursed in accordance with the By-Laws and Constitution". We would call attention that it is the duty of the Finance Committee of the Local Society to consider all appeals for funds to be disbursed by the local society, and to make recommendations concerning them. We recommend that this be made a **Standing Rule**.

10. We recommend that Article 4, Section 2, under "Funds" be revised to read as follows:

"That all conference officers submit itemized expense accounts quarterly, with the suggestion that as far as possible, expense be kept within the amount heretofore advanced, as incorporated in the original By-Laws," President, \$25.00; Vice-President, Secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Spiritual Life, Supplies. Status of Women, Missionary Personnel, \$12.50; the treasurer, \$10.00; Literature and Publications, \$15.00. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Chairman

Mrs. H. H. Wall

Mrs. C. I. Jones

Mrs. Dick Watson

Mrs. F. E. Kennon

Mrs. C. B. Atkinson

Mrs. Chas. Auit

A delightful interlude of a few minutes was enjoyed at this time by the committee which was invited to join the members of University Church in their reception being held in the parlor of the Faculty Club.

St. Mark's Community Center—Mrs. Goldthwait. Announcement made of the appointment of a new Head Resident at St. Mark's—Miss Faye Daves who has asked the privilege of doing as much evangelistic work as can be crowded into the program there.

Mrs. Goldthwait stated a lack of trained workers for St. Mark's. There is no girls' worker for the teen age group.

The president felt that it would be a privilege of the Executive Committee to make a special effort to find available workers.

Student Work—Mrs. W. E. Trice. Student Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service had a slow beginning but is coming to take a most valuable place in the total program.

Mrs. Trice mentioned that one of the university students has recently been made a life member of the W. S. C. S.

The custom of student officers and leaders of young people meeting once a year to plan their activities of the year was told. Recently the district secretaries of Student Work have been invited to attend.

Emphasis has been placed the past year on the foreign students. The committee was asked to use these students on the Conference program when possible.

Each society was asked to continue its support of the \$5.00 plan.

Report of Student Work on the Various Campuses:

Southwestern Louisiana Institute—Miss Pearly Mae Kelly. Mrs. Laskey reported for Miss Kelly that there are 227 Methodist boys and 122 girls on the campus. She stated there is a need of a new building for the Methodist Student Center.

Mrs. Laskey was very complimentary of the work of Miss Kelly as director of student work.

Louisiana Tech—Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr. Miss Lucille Pierce, formerly the director of Student Work at Northwestern is now located at Tech.

Mrs. Manning reported the remodeling of the student center on the campus.

Vesper suppers are served every Tuesday afternoon which are cooked and served by the students (each paying 25c per supper), a program following the supper.

Mrs. Manning stated there is an increase of students taking advantage of the center. She reported a splendid work being done by Miss Pierce.

Mrs. Pollard told of various activities on the Tulane and Newcomb Campuses. She mentioned that next year the church will promote the building of centers on all the campuses over the state.

People's Community Center—Mrs. Dunbar reporting. A new building is still the greatest need of People's Community Center. The Board of Missions has given \$85,000 toward a new building—the Center now has \$95,000, needing around \$45,000 more to erect the building.

Mrs. G. W. Carter, who has the center in charge, requested that her appreciation be expressed to the Committee for the cash supplies sent them. The Committee was pleased to learn that Mrs. Carter has been elected President of the Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Laskey recommended that those on the Executive Committee living in New Orleans talk with Dr. Johns and see what can be done for the People's Community Center through the Board of Missions, as he attends the meeting of the Board in Buck Hill Falls.

It was voted that the Executive Committee send a letter of congratulations to Mrs. Carter on being elected President of the Central Jurisdiction of the W. S. C. S.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20, 1948

The Executive Committee resumed the business session at 9:00 A. M. in the hospitable home of Mrs. Walter Prichard. A period of meditation and prayer opened the morning session. The president requested prayers for the Methodist Church, Woman's Society of Christian Service over the state and the entire world.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Pollard who brought the committee inspiration from the three days' meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Pollard asked each to be in the spirit of prayer as she told of the vision she received while there and based her remarks around the 52nd chapter of Isaiah. She stated that the great program of advance is twice as large as the Crusade for Christ—62 denominations working cooperatively to send the message throughout the world. 3,500 delegates attended the meeting. The theme for the meeting was "One World for Christ". The speakers on the program had just returned from the meeting in Amsterdam. She closed with a thought from Dr. Diffendorfer that this is to be a great program for missionary expanse. "We are either to be moved to the side or brought forward to meet the world's problems. Christians must either serve the needs of all men better or let the communists take over," he said. The plans call for more than money, it calls also for the outpouring of more lives. China needs 2,000 more missionaries. "Advance—expand or yield to Communists," said Dr. Diffendorfer.

Promotion Secretary—Mrs. D. M. Campbell. Mrs. W. B. Landrum will be available for the first two weeks of May. The district secretaries were asked to set their dates for Mrs. Landrum's visit to each district.

Mrs. Campbell reported 258 societies in the state with 9,722 members; 60 Wesleyan Service Guilds with a membership of 1231—making a grand total of 10,935 members.

She requested that reports from the societies be filled in full—214 having sent in reports. There are 15 unorganized circuits and 170 unorganized churches.

The Lake Charles District being 100% in reporting and the Monroe District sending in full reports for the three quarters.

There are 211 Spiritual Life Secretaries and 200 C. S. R. Secretaries.

Attention of the Committee was called to the fact of outside agencies, and churches requesting financial aid which is contrary to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Society. The President requested the Finance Committee to bring recommendations concerning this matter.

There was some discussion on whether the promotion secretary or the president of each district make the reports to the district superintendent at the District Conference.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee was asked to clarify this.

It was voted that if the district superintendent does not request a report from the president of the district of the Woman's Society that she write him and ask for a place on the program and present this report.

Mrs. Laskey expressed a deep concern over any loss of membership in the Woman's Society, especially with the great Program of Advance before us.

Mrs. Campbell mentioned the responsibility of each officer in using the money allotted to her for expense and suggested that each officer be asked to give an itemized statement quarterly on how the money has been spent. This was referred to the finance committee.

The hostess, Mrs. Prichard, invited the committee into the dining room where coffee and dainty viands of all kinds were served.

Rural Work—Miss Elizabeth Thompson reported a new set up in the Board of Education office. Rev. Bentley Sloane requested that dates for meetings and any other information be given him early in order to be published in the Christian Education Bulletin.

Miss Thompson urged that the need of missions be stressed to the young people who have volunteered for life service.

Miss Thompson is planning a set of slides of the various institutions supported by the Louisiana W. S. C. S. She told of the need of more Methodist ministers for the rural area, especially in Avoyelles Parish and where the Protestant children and women who have Catholic fathers and husbands may be reached and literature sent to them regularly.

Miss Thompson stated the greatest resources of the Program of Advance in meeting the goal of more members will come from the rural or small churches.

It was voted that Miss Thompson be allowed to visit Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas where she may gain information along the line of methods for the educating and training auspices of the Woman's Division to Isabelia Thoburn College as teacher there.

Mrs. Kilpatrick told of a talented young woman, Alexa McCain, from the Mangum Memorial Church in Shreveport, who was a teacher in the local schools, who is to go out in December under the Isabella Thoburn College as teacher there.

Also the name of Marzette Stephens of Oak Grove who is attending Scarritt College for training in rural work was mentioned.

It was voted that telegrams be sent by the secretary to these two fine young women from the Executive Committee.

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar. Mrs. Dunbar reported a successful School of Missions and Seminars held in the seven districts. She commended the District Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations and Spiritual Life for their magnificent work on carrying out these projects. 114 women were enrolled in the School of Missions which was the largest class attending and receiving credits ever held.

Mrs. Dunbar gave an interesting account of six young women, J 3's (young missionaries going to serve in Japan for three years).

It was announced by Mrs. Ledbetter that our own Louisiana girl, Miss Elizabeth Stinson of Jonesboro, Louisiana, has been made Executive Secretary to the Board of Missions.

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. C. I. Jones. "Missionary Personnel is the high point of the Program on Advance," stated Mrs. Jones. She called attention to the fact that girls may go as college graduates and not be required to have their master's degree. 51 have already been sent.

The objective is 1,000 missionaries, this to reach every church and college campus (500 as missionaries and 500 as deaconesses.)

Each church is asked to cooperate by forming a missionary personnel committee composed of the secretaries of youth and student work, the President of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and the local pastor. The Secretary of Status of Women may be included. Girls selected must be able to go by next June.

Mrs. Jones asked that there be more publicity given to this project, possibly asking the local ministers to cooperate by giving space in the Church Bulletin for human interest stories and to preach two or three sermons a year on the missionary angle. Also posters may be used as a means of publicity.

Mrs. Jones hopes to have Missionary Personnel meetings on the various campuses to present the need to the young people. The members where they may be of some help or given a chance to participate in some way.

Good missionary material can be found in the leaders of our young people in church schools and Wesleyan Foundations. They were asked to be on the look out for outstanding speakers who can best interest young people for life service. Make plans to have a tea or open house for young people. Have browsing tables where literature has been placed for the students use.

The following material is suggested: "Methodist Service Projects for 1948", "Look At the Missionary" and "Christian World Facts" (the latter one being 25c quarterly and to be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.)

Mrs. Laskey suggested that the Louisiana Conference try to secure Miss Kathryn Bieri or Miss Alice Murdock, Division Secretaries of Missionary Personnel, to visit our various college campuses.

Mrs. Jones stressed the importance of informing the young people or young married couples of the urgent need for their services for short periods of 3 years as well as for life volunteers.

She asked that every person "Don't just do your bit, but do your best". Mrs. Jones closed with this thought from Dr. Diffendorfer, "We must put the spark of fire in service and we must be **on fire for Christ**".

Mrs. Pollard and the six Jurisdiction Secretaries attending the meeting in Columbus met to discuss the call for 1,000 missionaries to be supplied by the Woman's Division which makes each Conference responsible for 20 within the next four years—100 girls are needed by the first of June to go for 3 years which would mean 1 from each Conference. Girls to be selected are those who have their degrees and who can go into a six weeks intensive training for the work.

The committee paused for a few minutes to offer silent prayer that this one person be found by June and was closed with prayer by Mrs. Laskey.

The president made the following committee appointments to meet for the afternoon.

Organization and Promotion: Mrs. D. M. Campbell, District Promotion Secretaries, District Presidents, Mrs. Goldthwait. Mrs. Dunbar. Mrs. Freeman.

Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. Ledbetter, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Goldthwait.

Finance: Mrs. Kilpatrick, District Treasurers, Mrs. Tidwell, Mrs. Dick Watson, Mrs. Jackson.

Conference Program: Mrs. Trice, Mrs. Ira Campbell, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Guy Hicks, Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Nordyke.

Resolutions: Mrs. Sartor, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Jackson.

Missionary Personnel: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Trice, Mrs. Sartor, Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. Ledbetter.

The Session adjourned for lunch.

Lunch

The ladies of University Church Society were hostess to the Committee for a very enjoyable buffet luncheon served in the lovely home of Mrs. L. C. Rushworth.

Wednesday Afternoon

After the various committee meetings the group reconvened at 3:30 p.m. to continue reports.

Christian Social Relations—Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait. In view of the fact that this was the week of the observance of "United Nations Week", Mrs. Goldthwait called for special prayers to be offered on October 24 for the success of the United Nations.

She stressed the importance of each individual studying the 41 amendments to be voted on the 2nd of November. Special attention was given to amendments 17, 18, 28, 35, 10 and 27, 32 and 34.

Mrs. Goldthwait mentioned the proposal of the Jurisdiction Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Dunn, that the various Conferences put on Seminars on human rights and world peace.

As the committee had previously been interested in displaced persons Mrs. Goldthwait stated that the quota has been raised from 50,000 to 205,000, the Methodist Church to be responsible for 5,000 men, women and children Protestants and asked to find places for 100 in Louisiana.

The committee was asked to be thinking along these lines and be ready to help in this situation when called upon.

It was agreed that the District Secretaries of Promotion will keep informed and acquaint themselves with this part of the program and cooperate with the district superintendents in helping with these displaced persons.

Supplies—Mrs. Tidwell. The total supply giving by the W.S.C.S. in value and cash for the first three quarters as stated by Mrs. Tidwell was \$14,194.91. The Guild \$397.81, Youth \$30.70, Children \$38.20—The sum total for home supplies being \$14,661.62.

Total for Foreign Supplies of the W. S. C. S., \$4,723.46, for the Guild \$162.05 (mostly cash), Youth \$37.08 (mostly packages), and children \$184.65 (cash end value), the sum total \$5,071.24.

\$20 for Ministerial—Grand total \$19,752.86.

Mrs. Tidwell was pleased to announce that Louisiana has exceeded all other Conferences in their supply giving to Sager-Brown Home as reported by Mrs. Evelyn R. Thomas who is in charge of the home.

A new car has been delivered to the MacDonell School at Houma with \$784.05 having been paid on it.

Attention was called to the needs of Japan and Korea to be included in the foreign supply giving.

A communication from Mrs. S. E. McCreeliss was read stating that the American Girls' Home in Lovetch, Bulgaria has been closed by the Communists.

As only \$99 has been sent in towards the Eden Home in the Phillippine Islands (where \$300 was originally asked for) the committee approved the recommendation of Mrs. Tidwell that the remainder sent in for the American Girls' Home in Lovetch, Bulgaria be diverted to the Eden Home.

Information on sending oversea packages was given as follows: instead of sending packages through "Care" they should be channeled through "Methodist Overseas Relief" as twice the amount may be sent through this method. If "God-parent" is written on package less duty on package is charged.

In sending packages to Japan there should be written on the package "unsolicited gift" and "no commercial value", these packages are not to be insured.

Mrs. Trice made necessary announcements concerning the evening's dinner.

The committee adjourned for dinner.

"Smorgasbord" Dinner

The members of the Executive Committee had a most unusual and delightful surprise awaiting them which was a miniature "Smorgasbord dinner" with Mr. and Mrs. Henri Herff, 2524 Morning Glory Drive, as hosts for the occasion.

The buffet table made one forget that she was in America but had been transplanted to Norway or Sweden because the table was laden with delicious Swedish food that could only be prepared by the hostess who is a native of Sweden.

Before leaving Mrs. Herff displayed and explained the history of numerous valuable articles in her home that had been collected by her and Capt. Herff as they were stationed at different points over the world.

Wednesday Evening—October 20, 1948

"Back to the evening grind" was the direction given the Executive Committee to resume its work in the spacious home of Mrs. Dale Bennett.

Literature and Publication: Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke stressed not only the buying of the literature available but the **using** of this literature. She rejoiced over the marked progress in the increase from 64% to 70% in the societies' reporting. The Lake Charles District was named as perfect in its reporting 100% and an improvement in the Baton Rouge and Alexandria Districts. A packet of "Week of Prayer" material was mailed to each society in the state.

Youth Work: Mrs. E. A. Sartor reported an increase in the membership of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and in the Methodist Youth Fund. Excellent cooperation was noted between the Youth Secretaries of the W.S.C.S. and the Board of Education through its workers in the Youth Division.

Mrs. Sartor stated that the youth work year began with the Cleveland Conference, since then the literature, bulletins and articles have referred to the Conference. The literature and materials suggested for use for youth are: "S. O. S." (which is information sent out to each district secretary of youth and which lists the projects for the youth work.) "Build Ye the Road" is the new material to be used for girls' groups and may be used for boys and girls on the 4th Sundays of each month.

A film strip on the Cleveland Conference called "Christ Above All" is available; Also a record "M. Y. F. in Action".

The changes in youth work are: (1) The Joint Committee still to function on the district and conference level; (2) The nominating committee shall consult with the youth council before selecting a secretary of youth work in the W. S. C. S. (3) The secretary of youth work to act in an advisory capacity of all youth groups; (4) youth may participate in the local School of Missions.

Outstanding promotion this year was the sending of the Conference Secretary to Mt. Sequoyah for intensive training in this field of work. Also the youth work was promoted at the Seminars and a workshop on Visual Aid was held at Pastors' School.

She reported 61 commissions on World Friendship; 57 adult advisors; \$1,932.61 total amount sent to the Woman's Division by the end of the third quarter; 33 World Friendship Groups; 156 reporting this year.

Mrs. Sartor listed five ways in which the Woman's Society may be of more service to the youth: (1) The W.S.C.S. may set up a surplus fund to help send young people to camps; (2) obtain young people to attend the camps; (3) give more youth membership;

(4) take older young girls to a few of the meetings; (5) supply them with literature to read.

Closer cooperation and coordination between the workers with youth and the Woman's Society was recommended by Mrs. Laskey.

Children's Work: Mrs. A. M. Freeman who is serving for the first time in this capacity noted an improvement of the 2nd and 3rd quarters over the 1st quarter of the year. She stated that it was encouraging to see secretaries of Children's and Youth work also as teachers in the Church Schools.

Mrs. Freeman urged that the promotion secretaries of each district inform her of any change in personnel of the local secretaries.

Study courses on China and Puerto Rico are to be presented to the children.

Mrs. Freeman listed those reporting from the districts as: Alexandria 12, Lake Charles 30-34, Monroe 20, Ruston 15-26, Baton Rouge 15-21, Shreveport 21-33.

Status of Women: Mrs. Ira Campbell stated the two main objectives of the secretary of Status women to be that of pointing out to the Christian women their place in society and helping them to assume this responsibility and stressed the building of the membership of the Woman's Society.

A request has been made by Mrs. Campbell that all local secretaries of Status of Women file a list of the names of the young girls going out to various positions and this be sent to the Wesleyan Service Guilds. As October is Wesleyan Service Guild month it was suggested by Mrs. Campbell some cooperative activities of the W. S. C. S. and the Guild. She announced the Guild week-end Conference to be held November 20, 21 in Alexandria, Louisiana. She mentioned the calendar of activity was sent to each secretary (which is also in the June "Methodist Woman").

Mrs. Campbell recommended that the district Secretary of Status of Women be given at least three minutes on the program at the district meeting.

Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. E. E. Stewart recommended the following changes in the Conference Constitution and By-Laws and each was approved separately.

ARTICLE I, Section 2, be revised to read:

"To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following officers shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Status of Women, and a secretary of Missionary Personnel.

At the annual meeting the fourth year of the quadrennium the following officers shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a promotion secretary, a secretary of Missionary Education and Service, a secretary of Literature and Publications; a secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities, a secretary of Supplies, and a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

ARTICLE III, Section 1, line 3, after Promotion, add "District Treasurers".

ARTICLE V, Section 1, line 2, delete "beginning with 1946".
Section 2, revise to read:

"District officers shall be elected for a term of four years, with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years. To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with biennial election. Group number one to be comprised of: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a

secretary of the Status of Women, and a secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Group number two shall be comprised of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a secretary of Promotion, a secretary of Missionary Education and Service, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Christian Social Relations and local church activities, a secretary of Supplies, and a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election "

ARTICLE VI, Section 8, line 3, after "who shall be chairman" add "District Promotion Secretary".

Line 9, where it says "Promotion secretary, delete and say District "President".

Under Standing Rules for Local Societies, p. 121. Number 6, line 2, last words change date from Feb. 15, to July 15.

Add standing rule to read:

All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the Finance Committee before being presented to the Society.

Report of Committee on Organization and Promotion. We recommend:

1. That every possible effort be made to organize the fifteen unorganized "Circuits" of the Louisiana Conference.

2. That special emphasis be placed upon re-organizing these Societies that have fallen by the wayside, and ceased to function.

3. That where we cannot have local societies in small churches, a combination of two or more be tried, and the Modified Plan explained to them.

4. That special Officers' Training days be held for new Societies at which time they will be shown how to use materials which will be provided for them, and how to make out reports. Three meetings may be required.

5. That every single member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service be urged to do her very best to win at least one new member before the end of the fiscal year.

6. That the District meetings be arranged for the first two weeks in May and held consecutively, at which time Mrs. Landrum will be itinerating in our Conference.

7. That the District Executive Committee and local presidents meet in connection with the annual District Church Conference to channel this information.

8. That the Conference Society accept the same quarterly ending for all reports, as recommended by the Finance Committee, that is: 1st quarter—May, June, July; 2nd quarter—August, September, October; 3rd quarter—November, December, January; 4th quarter—February, March and April.

9. That the Louisiana Conference W. S. C. S. cooperate with the church in every possible way in the great "Program of Advance".

At 9:00 p. m. Mrs. Bennett invited the Committee to "come up for air", where she had arranged a beautiful tea table laden with "goodies" and delicious punch.

After being refreshed the Committee came together at 9:20 p. m.

The president spoke of the necessity of conferring with the district superintendents in the matter of their calling attention to the pastors of the practice of some churches for soliciting funds for projects other than those of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. It was decided that the President, Mrs. Laskey, and the treasurer, Mrs. Kipatick send a joint letter to the district superintendents stating the recommendations from the Constitution and By-Laws Committees in this matter. A copy of this letter to be sent to the Conference Promotion Secretary to be mimeo-

graphed for the district promotion secretaries.

It was with a tinge of sadness as the Committee prepared to adjourn when Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference Treasurer for the past seven years, stated that she found it necessary to give up her office and submitted her resignation to the committee to take effect after the Annual Meeting in the spring.

The committee accepted with deep regrets and the president requested the chairman of the Research Committee, Mrs. Metcalf, to submit names for this office at that time.

Time for adjournment having arrived, the president requested Mrs. Ledbetter to close the meeting with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21ST

The Committee reconvened about 9:00 a. m. in the auditorium of the Episcopal Student Center for further work.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. A. M. Freeman.

Mrs. Laskey asked the Committee for its approval of the Minutes without reading them which was granted.

Mrs. Metcalf, Chairman of the Research Committee, requested that the Secretary of Status of Women be added to the Research Committee, which was approved.

Mrs. Ledbetter requested the privilege of the floor. She stated the need of \$32,000 for the completion of Business Girls' Inn. She asked the Committee to approve an additional supplementary gift to Business Girls' Inn in the 1949-50 receipts, the amount given to be left to the discretion of the budget committee. Approved.

Mrs. Ledbetter issued invitations to all women of the Woman's Society over the Louisiana Conference to attend a "Victory Luncheon" to be had on November 16 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington-Youree Hotel, the price of the plate to be \$10. The proceeds—about \$6 of this amount—to go toward furnishing the kitchen and dining room of Business Girls' Inn.

The report of the Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting in the spring of 1949 was given by the chairman, Mrs. W. E. Trice:

The Annual Meeting to be held in Alexandria, Louisiana and tentative dates set for March 22, 23, 24th. The theme for the meeting to be "Advancing With His Cross". That the opening of the Annual Meeting be a "Day Apart" program—this to be led by the Division Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. M. Alexander and who will conduct the inspirational services for the entire time.

Registration will begin at 9:30 A. M. on March 22nd in the Educational Building of the First Methodist Church.

At 11 o'clock promptly the "Day Apart" program begins. At 12:30 a sacrificial luncheon will be served.

The opening dinner will be a Wesleyan Service Guild dinner. Various coordinators and those who are interested will attend the dinner. The speaker for this occasion will be Miss Virginia Kilpatrick (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick) who has recently spent a year abroad.

The speaker for the opening night will be Mrs. F.-G. Brooks, Chairman of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields.

On the second day Officers' Hour will be presented in the form of a Visual Aid program. There will be a Christian Social Relations program; Treasurers and Secretary of Supplies will put on a joint program.

Luncheon will be a "World Outlook" luncheon.

In the afternoon a report from Jurisdiction will be given by Mrs. Dameron.

Dinner for the evening will be a "World Federation Dinner". Dr. John Melton will be principal speaker for the evening.

The President has set 2:00 p. m. Monday afternoon for the Executive Meeting.

Those serving on the program committee were complimented by the president for such fine planning.

As is the former custom at the close of the committee sessions, the Executive Committee joined hands, signifying cooperation, and sang as the closing prayer "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

Members of the Woman's Society of the Baton Rouge District were the invited guests for the "Information Hour" at 10:00 a. m. before going into the Sanctuary for the "Hour Apart" program.

The singing of the hymn "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" opened this "Information Hour".

A prayer was offered by Mrs. Laskey expressing appreciation for our country, our faith and for the gift of Jesus Christ and for what He has meant to us, for our great Methodist Church, Woman's Division and our local societies where each woman has her individual place. She petitioned His understanding and love for all the women as they enter this great Advance Movement to enhance the Master's Kingdom.

Mrs. Sartor read the following Resolutions of Appreciation from the committee to the Woman's Society of University Church:

The Executive Committee of The Woman's Society of Christian Service in session at the October, 1948 meeting wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the University Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the gracious hospitality and glowing friendship which was so much in evidence.

We wish to express to our own Mrs. Pollard, Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Personnel; to Mrs. Ledbetter, member of the Woman's Division; and to Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, for their interpretation, information, inspiration and spiritual guidance received as delegates to the recent meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America held in Columbus, Ohio.

We are ever deeply conscious of the consecrated leadership of our president, Mrs. Laskey.

We appreciate the fine work done by our rural deaconess, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, who sat in with the Executive Committee and who is on the alert in organizing societies in the rural churches where ever possible.

As this Executive Committee expands there comes a new interest of the development and a deeper feeling of responsibility as we enter the great Advance Program of our Church.

To the following local personnel we wish to express our deep gratitude for their untiring efforts in making our stay in their midst a most delightful experience as well as a very profitable one: to the pastor-host and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Trice; Mrs. Julius O'Quinn, Registration Chairman; to Mesdames Walter Prichard, L. C. Rushworth, Henry Herff and Dale Bennett for the opening of their homes and to the entire society of the local church for their generous hospitality.

Also to the Louisiana State University authorities for the use of the Faculty Club and to the members of University Church for the fellowship enjoyed by the committee following the evening session.

We are indebted to the Rev. J. S. Ditchburn for the use of the Episcopal Student Center for the Thursday morning sessions; for Mr. Dallas Draper, vocal solo and Miss Louise Utterback, L. S. U. School of Music. Also to Mrs. R. J. Abbott and her committee for

the serving of the noon luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. A. Sartor, Chairman
Mrs. A. M. Freeman
Mrs. E. N. Jackson

The president requested the secretary to send a copy of these resolutions to the host society.

Mrs. Laskey voiced a few words of greeting to those present and said, "We have felt our hearts warmed and inspired as we look towards the great Program of Advance. It will take a great deal of **serving, praying and giving** to be equal to the task".

She spoke briefly of the changes and called attention to the four-point Program of Advance so attractively displayed on the October cover of the "Methodist Woman".

Mrs. Laskey introduced Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Conference Secretary of Promotion, who stressed that the main objective of the part the women play in the Program of Advance is the **recruiting of new members** for the Woman's Society. She stated that there are 170 churches in the Louisiana Conference who have no Woman's Society. The goal set for new members to be obtained in this Conference is 2,203, the slogan to be used "Each One, Win One". This would increase the membership 10,000 if each individual would go forward for the Master.

"Let us resolve in our own hearts that we will do everything within our power to help the new program," said Mrs. Campbell.

She called attention to the change that has been recorded in the late edition of the Discipline stating that every president of the local societies is now a member of the Church District Conference and she should plan to attend the next District Conference in order to be better informed of the details of the new program.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, followed on the morning's program. She stated that the Methodist people believe that the only way to have peace is to evangelize the world.

The Methodist Church is offering wonderful opportunities to the young people. Upon graduation from college the church will send them for a six weeks intensive training after which they are privileged to serve as missionaries.

Jesus gave to us this marching order of advance over 2,000 years ago. We must accept this challenge.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Treasurer, spoke briefly stating that if one is to march forward, it cannot be done unless the challenge is met by increased financial goals to undergird us for these needs. "Money is our gift, and gifts are our faith", said Mrs. Kilpatrick.

We must pray for His enlarged vision and that we be made more aware of our responsibilities.

Mrs. Trice made necessary announcements concerning the program for the remainder of the morning and for the luncheon.

The meeting was dismissed to reconvene in the Chapel of the Student Center.

Hour Apart

An inspirational worship service was conducted by Mrs. Sam Dunbar using the theme "By His Light Shall the Nations Walk", based on the scripture "And Jesus spoke to them saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'."

Three brief heart-searching meditations were brought by Mrs. Sam Dunbar, Mrs. Glenn Laskey and Mrs. George Powell. Interspersed were appropriate hymns, periods of silence, Scripture read-

ings, litanies and a solo "The Lord's Prayer", by Mr. Dallas Draper, the organists for the morning being Mrs. George Jones. Jr., and Miss Louise Utterback—these all contributing a service which grew in spiritual power as it progressed, which was closed with prayer by Mrs. Dunbar.

Luncheon

A delicious luncheon was served in the center by the Episcopal ladies during which the president expressed appreciation for this courtesy and introduced the Conference Officers—Mrs. C. D. Tisdale, President of the Baton Rouge District in turn introduced officers of the district and of local societies.

The meeting adjourned.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

Pre-Program Meeting

Preceding the formal opening of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service the Executive Committee met on Monday afternoon, March 21, 1949, at 2:00 P. M. in the Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, with the president, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, presiding.

The afternoon session was opened with the secretary reading the correspondence from the following: Letters from Mrs. G. W. Dameron and Mrs. R. Martin Miller expressing their regrets in not being able to attend the Conference.

From Bishop Paul E. Martin commending the Program Planning Committee on the use of the first day at Conference devoted to worship, prayer and inspiration and for the outstanding speakers selected.

From Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy reminding the Committee of her prayers and support as from a former Conference officer and for the success of the Conference and "through the eyes of the average Methodist woman".

From Mrs. G. W. Carter, President of the Central Jurisdiction and Head resident of People's Community Center, New Orleans, thanking the Executive Committee for its letter to her of congratulations upon her being elected to the presidency of the Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service.

From Miss Alexa McCain, Missionary from Louisiana to Isabella Thoburn College, India, thanking the women for their wonderful gifts sent her before sailing to India and for the check which she said will be put with others received and used in some special way after she got on the field and saw more clearly what the needs were. She asked for the prayers of all women as she felt she had little health and few talents that these may be multiplied in His hands for whatever He wanted her to do.

From Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., to the Louisiana delegation that attended the South Central Jurisdiction meeting in Tulsa, for the beautiful white blouse sent her while she was recuperating in the hospital in New York.

The secretary called the roll and noted the absence of the following members, with Mrs. Laskey explaining the absence of each: Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. C. D. Tisdale, Mrs. Gladys Hoffpauir, Mrs. R. Martin Miller.

The president appointed Mrs. P. D. Lambert to send appropriate messages to those who were unable to be present.

Mrs. Laskey led in a brief period of worship stating that this was to be a meaningful meeting and challenged each with the heavy responsibilities of the beginning of a new quadrennium with such a great program of Advance.

Mrs. Laskey used a portion of "Making a Go of Life" by Roy Smith, the theme on "Faith", pointing out the characteristics of the Master comparable to those requisite of Christian leadership in the world to-day, closing with individual prayers led by Mrs. Pollard and closed by Mrs. Hicks.

The Finance Committee asked the permission of the president to retire for work on the business of that committee which was granted, Mrs. Fairchild serving in the place of Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Hanson representing Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Metcalf for Mrs. Atkinson.

The president requested that each member as she served on the Conference program adhere to the time allotted her.

At the request of Mrs. Metcalf the members of the Research Committee were asked to meet with her directly after the dinner hour.

Brief reports of officers and special committees were called for:

Missionary Education and Service—Mrs. Sam Dunbar. Mrs. Dunbar asked the consideration of the committee of the request by Dr. Mary Shannon concerning the Conference assuming a portion of the salary of Miss Clara Chalmers, principal of the Colegio Irene Toland school of Mantanzas, Cuba, of \$1500.00. This was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Dunbar named the date for the Pastor's school and Conference School of Missions to be held at Centenary College from August 29 to September 2. Three courses are to be taught, selected by the Conference Study and Action committee: 1. "Women of Scripture"—Miss Elizabeth Stinson, Division Secretary of Missionary Education and Service. 2. "We, the People of the Ecumenical Church"—Mrs. G. W. Dameron. 3. "Japan"—Miss Mildred Hudgins, instructor in religion, Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, (former Missionary to Japan).

Mrs. Dunbar requested the Committee to decide what Departmental "Clinics" (workshops no longer) would be held along with Missionary Education and Christian Social Relations at the Conference School of Missions.

It was approved by the Committee that Departmental Clinics would be held for **vice-presidents, promotion secretaries and secretaries of children's work.**

There was some discussion on the question of funds available to subsidizing district officers to attend the School of Missions this year.

It was recommended by Mrs. Dunbar (and referred to the Finance Committee) the subsidizing of 5 conference officers to the Conference School of Missions to be held at Centenary and as much of the 5 corresponding district officers' traveling expense as was felt could be undertaken.

It was voted to send the Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Dunbar, to the Audio-Visual Aid Coaching Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas.

Dates set for the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah were July 6-16 with the following Conference secretaries to go. Secretary of Children's work, Spiritual Life, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Promotion Secretaries, Youth Work, Wesleyan Service Guild, Vice-President and President.

It was requested by Mrs. Laskey that the promotion secretaries of each district find 6 corresponding officers who could attend the School of Missions at Sequoyah at their own expense.

Christian Social Relations—Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait. Mrs. Goldthwait announced a Conference Workshop on Social Action to be held at St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans in October. Three areas of social legislation to be discussed: 1. Health; 2. Housing; 3. Aid to Education.

It was recommended by Mrs. Goldthwait that the mid-year Executive Committee meeting be held in New Orleans just prior to, or immediately after the Conference Workshop on Social Action so that officers may attend same without added expense.

The following committee was appointed by the president to submit 3 names to be sent to the Jurisdiction for the selection of a delegate to attend the National Seminar to be held in Kansas City: Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Dunbar, Miss Fannie Burch (representing the Guild).

Organization and Promotion—Mrs. D. M. Campbell. Mrs. Campbell brought to the committee the recommendation of Mrs. Woolever, Division Promotion Secretary, that the mid-year meeting be an enlarged Executive Committee meeting whereby the district officers could sit in on the meeting if same was held preceding or after the conference workshop.

IT WAS VOTED that the mid-year Executive Committee meeting be an enlarged Executive Committee meeting to which the district secretaries may attend, if desired, at their own expense.

Mrs. Campbell named the dates for the district meetings for which Mrs. W. B. Landrum has been intinerated, beginning in order and following consecutively: May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7—with the Shreveport District, Ruston, Monroe, Alexandria (where she will also be present for a special meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild), Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and New Orleans.

Mrs. Campbell announced that Visitation and Caravans will be combined.

Tentative dates were set for the 1950 Annual Meeting to begin in March so that new officers elected in local societies may attend.

The president requested that all publicity for the Woman's Society for the publication "Louisiana Methodist" be channelled through the Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke. A schedule will be made out by Mrs. Nordyke to be followed for each conference officer to send in some publicity and she will be notified early enough for this to be sent in.

Student Work—Mrs. W. E. Trice. Mrs. Trice is working towards promoting a course in the summer by all student secretaries through the M. Y. F. and Senior departments for the young people on "What I Believe As a Methodist". She stressed the need for this to be carried out before the young people go to college.

Mrs. Trice suggested more information be given to young people on our Methodist colleges through the use of films, etc.

Miss Dorothy Nyland to be invited for the 1950 annual meeting of the W. S. C. S.

Missionary Personnel—Mrs. C. I. Jones. Mrs. Jones was happy to announce that out of the quota of 11 missionaries that the Louisiana Conference is responsible in securing, that one has already sailed for India, Miss Alexa McCain. She stressed the importance of all workers with youth be on the alert and the ever conscious need of recruiting these young people for part time or life service volunteers.

Mrs. Jones reminded those present that a scholarship from Rayne Memorial Church of \$400.00 is available for a young girl if she can be found, also one from the Shreveport and Baton Rouge churches.

Mrs. Jones called for a meeting of the Personnel Committee immediately following the Tuesday afternoon meeting of the Conference.

Children's Work—Mrs. A. M. Freeman. The dates set for the Conference Children's Workers were announced by Mrs. Freeman to be on July 12, 13, 14 at Camp Brewer.

Mrs. Freeman called attention of the committee to the fact of the recommendation of the Division Secretary of Children's Work, Miss Ruby Van Hooser, that a place be given children's workers at

the Educational Seminars and of the need of better trained workers with children.

Average reporting in Children Work was 146.

Supplies—Mrs. Lee Tidwell. Mrs. Tidwell was happy to announce to the committee that Louisiana ranked first in supply giving in the South Central Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Tidwell stated that Mother's Jewels Home was not on the supply calendar for this year.

She urged that every one stand ready for emergency supplies that they may be called upon to give.

Mrs. Laskey stated that the boxes that have been sent under foreign supplies have been most useful and much needed. She mentioned a communication from Miss Oliver which told of how cold it was in Korea and how they could not have gotten along without the warmth of the old fur coats sent by the different ladies.

Youth Work—Mrs. E. A. Sartor. Mrs. Sartor emphasized that increased giving of youth will be through the M. Y. F. instead of to Missionary specials.

Mrs. Sartor urged the continued giving to Overseas Relief.

She mentioned that Brazil has been chosen by the church as its Missionary special.

Mrs. Laskey mentioned that an Inter-board on Vocational Guidance has been set up by the Methodist Church for young people.

A committee was appointed by the president in connection with the student retreat, (which is a joint committee composed of the Board of Education, Missionary Evangelism and the Woman's Society), consisting of Mrs. C. I. Jones, chairman, Mrs. Trice and Mrs. Sartor.

A recess of a few minutes was enjoyed by all.

Spiritual Life—Mrs. Guy Hicks. Mrs. Hicks urged that each Conference officer be a member of a small prayer group in her local society meeting once a week. She also asked that a "Day Apart" service be observed in every society, an offering taken for foreign needs.

Mrs. Hicks called attention to the unusually fine Spiritual Life study—"Women of Scripture"—she recommended that the Status of Women secretary work with the Spiritual Life secretary.

Mrs. Laskey gave interesting accounts of various young ministers and their wives desiring to enter the mission fields.

The Executive Committee regretted that Miss Marjorie Bynum was to be replaced at Northwestern in Natchitoches as she is to go as a Missionary to Africa.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. N. Jackson. Mrs. Jackson reported on having sent official notices of the Conference and Executive Committee meetings. Also that 1030 copies of the Annual Report had been prepared and issued at a cost of \$686.87 (\$176.35 of this being collected from orders sent from over the Conference).

She stated that it was a privilege to be one of the alternates representing the Conference at the South Central Jurisdiction meeting held in Tulsa in February.

Mrs. Jackson asked for a report from the committee on the binding of a permanent record of work to be kept of the Annual reports and recommended that these be bound by administrations and kept on file wherever designated by the committee except those of the incumbent secretary, these to be placed on file at the close of her tenure of office.

Mrs. Jackson asked the committee to consider the need for a Negro rural deaconess to go over the state for Negro rural work, this person to be recommended by the Central Jurisdiction. This to be discussed further at the mid-year meeting.

Mrs. Powell made necessary announcements concerning accommodations for the Committee.

The Committee adjourned with prayer by Mrs. D. M. Campbell.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

Dinner. A delicious and appetizing dinner was served the Executive Committee by the ladies of Trinity Church at which Mrs. Charles A. Myers, local president, introduced her committee on the arrangements of this lovely meal.

Beautiful illustrated booklets autographed by Grace Noll Crowell on "A Meditation on the Lord's Prayer" had been put by each plate, compliments of the W. S. C. S. of the First Church, Alexandria.

Mrs. Laskey expressed for the Committee the appreciation for such delightful and bounteous services prepared by loving hearts and hands.

Monday Evening

After a delicious dinner the Committee came together at 7:30 p. m. for the remaining reports of the officers.

Mrs. Ledbetter asked for the privilege of the floor. She stated that the girls were moving into the new Business Girl's Inn. The final payment soon to be made. Various improvements and organizations have furnished the different rooms. The building to be dedicated in the spring.

Treasurer—Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick. Mrs. Kennon submitted the budget and recommendations of the Finance Committee, the total amount to be pledged for the five months interim period—January 1, 1949—May 31, 1949—be \$32,000—That the total amount of the Districts' pledge to Conference for the year May 31, 1949 to June 1, 1950—be \$75,571.50 Approved.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell recommended that more than 3c a mile be allowed for gasoline expenses of officers. This was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Campbell suggested that officers' expense money may be submitted in advance.

For the election of a chairman for the Research Committee, the president suggested following the pattern of the Jurisdiction, that of balloting on some one already on the Executive Committee or she said it could be some one in the district not necessarily an officer.

It was voted that the Conference Chairman of the Research Committee be made a member of the Executive Committee—34 votes were cast for the election of a research chairman, with Mrs. D. C. Metcalf receiving 21 votes and was elected.

Mrs. Laskey reminded the Committee that it had been the policy of the hostess society entertaining the Conference to provide the same entertainment for all delegates regardless of race. She appointed Mrs. Tidwell and Mrs. Dunbar to seat all Conference Workers at one table.

There was some discussion on clarifying the number of members reported by the promotion secretary and the treasurer.

Mrs. Campbell asked each Conference officer to send her the totals quarterly. She also recommended an Executive meeting each quarterly for the districts.

The following Committee appointments for the session were made by the president:

Journal—Mrs. Lamar Aycock, Mrs. J. R. McIntosh, Mrs. W. A. Whitener.

Resolutions—Mrs. Paul Davis, Mrs. R. R. Houghton, Mrs. Charles Chisholm, Mrs. James C. Whitaker.

Courtesies—Mrs. J. R. Pollard, Mrs. Guy Hicks, Mrs. W. E. Trice.

Counting Tellers—Mrs. Warren Smith, Mrs. J. B. Burley, Mrs. W. E. Davis, Miss Mary Lou Miller.

Distributing Tellers—Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Mrs. Allen Porter, Mrs. Benedict Galloway.

Mrs. Kilpatrick mentioned the coming of the Youth Caravans and the need of counsellors and that Rev. Bentley Sloane of the Board of Christian Education requested the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service be responsible for supplying one of these counsellors. A committee consisting of Mesdames Trice, Dunbar, Manning and Fairchild was appointed by the president to secure this counsellor. This person will be given training at Abilene, Texas, and an honorarium of \$100 for the 8 weeks caravan trip this summer.

It was voted that Mrs. Ledbetter be retained on the Executive Committee by Article III under the Conference By-Laws under "Executive Committee", reading "and such persons as the Conference Society may determine".

Mrs. Ledbetter graciously offered her services as long as they were felt to be needed.

Mrs. George Powell, President of First Church Woman's Society made necessary announcements concerning accommodations of the members of the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned with prayer led by Mrs. D. M. Campbell.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

Late Executive Meeting—Tuesday Evening

After the first evening's program the Committee met to complete unfinished business.

It was voted that a second set of slides showing the institutions and the rural work over Louisiana be purchased by the Conference.

The suggestion was offered by Mrs. E. E. Stewart that each society using these slides be given the privilege of a voluntary offering towards the expense of the slides.

Miss Thompson was appointed by Mrs. Laskey to work out details concerning the new set of slides.

The Recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved and adopted separately.

It was voted that as cash supplies come in for MacDonell School these be retained by the Conference Treasurer until the balance on the car has been repaid.

Mrs. Hicks announced the proceeds for the offering for China from the Sacrificial Luncheon to be \$1230.00.

It was voted that if a Conference officer cannot attend the School of Missions at Centenary that her alternate be a corresponding district officer in the same line of work.

Mrs. Laskey appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Broussard to inquire into the Dulac fund as it was decided by the committee that this money should be put to some advantage for the Dulac needs.

Mrs. Kilpatrick mentioned a letter from Scarritt College stating that it takes \$16,000 to maintain a \$500 scholarship now at Scarritt and she felt the need for the urging of large gifts towards a scholarship.

It was voted that since China was in a state of change, investigation be made and if found that the sacrificial offering of \$1230.00 could not be sent, that money sent in for China be channeled as "foreign supplies undesignated".

Mrs. Ira Campbell requested that each Conference officer be presented on Wednesday whether or not she had a part on the "Officers' Hour" program.

Mrs. Goldthwait, reporting from the committee appointed to select a delegate to attend the National Seminar to be held in Kansas City, July 22-August 5, to be: Mrs. Dunbar, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. T. M. Ellis of Baton Rouge, District Secretary of Christian Social Relations and one local church woman who is to be named later by the committee—Approved.

The Committee approved that if a conference officer cannot attend the School of Missions at Sequoyah that a corresponding district officer be privileged to go (Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Spiritual Life, Children, Youth, Guild, President and Vice President).

Adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Conference President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Conference Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE SESSIONS of the WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Alexandria, Louisiana

March 22, 23, 24, 1949

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service convened at 11 o'clock in the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Registration of delegates was in the Educational Building at 9:30 A. M. and guests enjoyed a social hour in the Emma Owen Class Room with members of the class as hostesses.

Quiet organ music played by Mrs. J. R. Bell opened the "Day Apart" service which was conducted by Mrs. W. M. Alexander. The theme for the morning being "The Way of the Cross" (Excerpts from Mrs. Alexander's meditation will be found in the back of this book).

Mrs. Alexander's wonderful messages, interspersed with the prayer hymn "Mid All the Traffic of the Ways", and a lovely solo rendered by Mrs. J. H. Barnett, Jr., all lending themselves in creating a reverence and spiritual worshipfulness that permeated the atmosphere that was deeply felt throughout the entire Conference.

Also lending itself to the occasion was the altar worship center which was a white satin cross upon a background of rich wine velvet. In front of this was an open Bible upon which had been placed two magnificent calla lilies. On each side of the pulpit were arrangements of purple iris, azaleas and crab-apple blossoms.

For the noontide Intercession the congregation went quietly and prayerfully into Fellowship Hall where a Sacrificial meal and Love Gift for China was observed. A Chinese grace was offered by Mrs. Guy Hicks, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life and who directed a pageant centering on the Cross and those in attendance at the foot of the Cross (Excerpts from this in back of book).

Mrs. David Tarver beautifully sang appropriate hymns throughout this service.

The Chinese National Anthem was sung in Chinese by Mrs. J. M. McLemore.

An offering amounting to \$1,230.00 was taken for China.

Afternoon Session

Continuation of the "Day Apart", conducted by Mrs. Alexander, the thought centering on "The Way of Service" (Back of Book).'

Wesleyan Service Guild Dinner

At 6:00 o'clock a dinner for the Wesleyan Service Guild members was given in the First Presbyterian Church and served by the ladies of that Church.

Mrs. R. H. Cole, Jurisdiction Secretary of Literature and Publi-

cation, was the principal speaker.

At 7:15 P. M. the delegates and visitors were given the privilege of seeing slides of Conference Mission work in Louisiana, which were shown by Miss Elizabeth Thompson. This proved of value in acquainting the women over the state of the institutions supported by Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference.

Evening Session

The evening session was opened with an organ prelude followed by the president, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, declaring the Ninth Annual Session of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service opened and who expressed for all delegates and visitors appreciation to the hostess church and others who made it possible for this meeting to be held in Alexandria First Church.

Mrs. Laskey welcomed the Guild members of which 140 W. S. G. members were in attendance.

The congregation stood while the Wesleyan Service Guild Ritual was given in unison by the Guild members.

The opening hymn "Advance, Oh Church of God, Advance", followed with an Evening Prayer by Rev. Virgil D. Morris.

An impressive choral reading of the Scripture was said by the Guild.

Mrs. Fairchild, Conference vice-president, presented Mrs. Laskey who gave the President's Message, the theme "Look To the Future" (See President's Message).

Dr. Gaither P. Warfield spoke on "The Advance for Missions" (See address in back).

Following this stirring message Reverend Jolly B. Harper pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Morning Session

As delegates, visitors and hostess members of the W. S. C. S. entered the sanctuary their attention was immediately drawn to the choir loft where a focused light was directed upon Sallman's "Head of Christ", which seemed to make each person feel His presence and gaze with awe-struck reverence while the organ meditation added to the quiet beauty of the Presence.

Amid such a worshipful atmosphere the day's session was opened under the very capable leadership of our beloved president, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey.

Mrs. Virgil D. Morris read the opening scripture and led in prayer.

The hymn "March On, O Soul With Strength" followed.

Highlights of the Conference program were given by Mrs. W. E. Trice, chairman of the Program Planning Committee.

Committee appointments were read by the secretary (see Minutes of Executive Committee).

Report on the action of the mid-year Executive Meeting and of the Executive Committee on Monday afternoon and evening preceding this Annual Meeting was given by the recording secretary, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, and was approved.

A report on registration was given by the local president, Mrs. Powell, to be: delegates 178 with 200 or more visitors. Guild 132

The committee on courtesies with Mrs. J. B. Pollard presiding gave recognition to Missionaries, deaconesses and workers, ministers and their wives, former conference and district officers, district super-

intendents and visiting speakers and Jurisdiction officers.

Conference Officers' Hour was presented under the direction of Conference Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. Ira Campbell, the title used was "Advancing with the Whole Armor of God".

Mrs. Campbell read the scripture from Ephesians pertaining to a Christian's armor and stated that the officers strive to wear this armor at all times.

She introduced the various officers. Those who were presented emphasized the importance of certain phases of their work.

Mrs. Sam Dunbar challenged the women to more study to become better informed and stated that a new Commandment could be added, "Be ye well informed".

Mrs. A. M. Freeman, secretary of Children's Work, described how a good soldier of Christ should be shod—a Christian needed to be shod with strength to meet the attacks of untrained workers, poor equipment, indifference, poor attendance, etc. "The knowledge of our gospel", said Mrs. Freeman, "fits us to meet the different tasks and problems that confront us".

Mrs. A. M. Sartor, secretary of Youth Work, asked what better armor could one have in the preparation of peace than the cultivation of our youth, for these are the ones who will hear and answer the call "Come over into Macedonia and help us" or "send us more workers!"

Mrs. Ira Campbell, Secretary of Status of Women, stated that no soldier should ever be sent out unarmed but shod with the sword of the spirit. The secretary of status of women in local societies should plan a systematic visitation for the unchurched women in the community and women in the church who are not members of the society.

Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Vera Winifree, stated the total membership of the Guild to be 1,448 members. She gave July as a tentative date for the 3rd Annual Guild Week-end Conference at Camp Brewer.

Mrs. W. E. Trice, Conference Secretary of Student Work—The Shield of Faith is the bulwark before the young people that sends them forth to meet life. Mrs. Trice recommended a course for young people on strengthening their faith and what they believe as Methodists before going away to college.

Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Guy Hicks—Every one should like to wear the breastplate of righteousness for it protects the heart and the spiritual life of each society is controlled by women's hearts. This breastplate is made up of tiny prayer cells. She urged all women to put on the whole armor of righteousness this coming year and advance for Christ.

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations—CSR covers the earth, and the first Advance will be in community work—but before this there has to come a personal advance in knowledge which affects one's thinking and then one's actions. We must advance this year in participation in our government.

Mrs. Goldthwait introduced Dr. Gaither P. Warfield who spoke on "Advancing in the Area of Christian Social Relations: Displaced Persons".

Dr. Warfield stated that 50,000,000 people in Europe have been uprooted from their homes in the past ten years. The coming of peace has not stopped this compulsion.

Dr. Warfield called attention to the fact that displaced persons are not of low class but are skilled workers, intellectual and professional people.

He pled for boxes of food and supplies to continue to be sent

through MCOR—150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

The singing of hymn "Once To Every Man and Nation" followed. **Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Conference Promotion Secretary**, presented the District Promotion secretaries in a panel on "Advancing with His Cross in the Districts" which gave a resume of the progress and a few failures over the seven districts.

Mrs. Campbell, as a fitting climax to the panel, called attention to the fact that it is one's greatest privilege to "Be about her Father's business" so that each individual in every district be enabled to "Advance with His Cross".

Mrs. Campbell reminded every one that "To-day's achievements are not our destination but are only the starting place of tomorrow" (See the workings of the seven districts under "Report of the Districts").

Mrs. David Tarver, a former Conference officer, and guest song leader for the Conference, sang very beautifully "Spirit of God Dwell Within My Heart".

Just as she did yesterday, Mrs. Alexander set the tempo for the Conference, using the theme for to-day "More Than We Are".

Mrs. Alexander helped those present to realize that if they really desire to be the children of God they must accept the power of God in their lives and invite Him to come in.

She pointed out how Christ is seeking all, even more than they, maybe, are seeking Him and that one must spend enough time in His presence to get acquainted with Him, learn "to be still" if one is to know God.

Mrs. Alexander admonished each person to "Look away from the things that are temporal to the things that are eternal"—as E. Stanley Jones has expressed it: "Let go, let God".

She closed this heart searching meditation by asking each individual to give herself to the Lord—a day by day devotion, crucifixion of self, and inquired, "Do we love Him enough?"

"World Outlook" or "Literature" Luncheon

A delicious luncheon was served in Fellowship Hall by the Women's Christian Missionary Society, First Christian Church, which was presided over by Mrs. Glenn Nordyke, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications.

As each took her seat at the table she found a place card which was a miniature replica of the March "Methodist Woman" with the back cover a lovely picture of the new Division President, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mount Vernon, Iowa. Inside was a copy of the menu and program.

Mrs. Nordyke stated that our literature was the blood-stream of our great organization, which gives the information that in turn provides the inspiration that helps each to carry on.

A display of literature available was attractively used to form the background for Mrs. R. H. Cole, Secretary of Literature and Publications, South Central Jurisdiction, who was the speaker for the occasion. Mrs. Cole is a favorite of all women over the Jurisdiction and captivates her audience with her cleverness along with her sincerity and great store of knowledge which she shares in an attractive manner. (See address in back of book).

A clever skit was presented under the direction of Mrs. Cole, centered around getting subscriptions for the "Methodist Woman" and "World Outlook".

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Afternoon Session

The Conference reconvened at 2:00 P. M. Following the organ prelude by Mrs. J. R. Bell the hymn "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

was sung.

"Advancing Through Giving and Serving" was presented by Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Lee Tidwell in the form of a panel discussion by the conference workers.

Mrs. Kilpatrick made a vivid comparison of the pledge of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of today with that of nine years ago with \$93,142.05 the largest amount yet paid by this Conference.

The Conference Workers at our various institutions was presented by Mrs. Kilpatrick. She named the results attained from the giving towards this great work with student workers on the campuses of Louisiana Tech, Northwestern Institute and Southwestern Louisiana Institute. "These are the bearers of the Crosses of our institutions around the word", stated Mrs. Kilpatrick.

St. Mark's—Miss Faye L. Davis, Head resident of St. Mark's and a former Missionary, stated that St. Mark's is in a community where 75% are Catholic and located in an underprivileged section. This institution is trying to sponsor a program that will grow and be understanding and that will give more counselling to those who need it.

MacDonell School—Miss Jennie Flood representing Miss Ella K. Hooper. "We are challenged to develop Christian leadership with these young French children of Terrebonne parish. There are so many others who want to attend MacDonell School. Shall we answer "no" as these children call to us and we see their need?"

Business Girls' Inn—Mrs. Lee Tidwell read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Freeman for all that had been done for this home for business and professional girls and regretted she could not attend the Conference as they were in the process of moving into their new home.

Peolpe's Community Center—Mrs. Dorothea King, kindergarten teacher at the Center, representing Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. King listed the improvements made at Community Center, the main one being health inspection.

Construction of a new building is to begin in September.

Louisiana Tech—Miss Lucille Pierce, representing Louisiana Tech and the workers of the other educational institutions, stated that there is a definite bond of unity among all our schools. Two things are being emphasized on the campuses: (1) Service to others; (2) Service to the Church.

In closing, Miss Pierce said, "We are joining hands with our fellow students all over the world as we advance with the rest of the world."

Sager-Brown Home—Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, Superintendent. There are 32 Negro boys and girls cared for at Sager-Brown who would have no other home were it not for this institution.

Religion and etiquette are taught and it is not just a shelter.

A boys' dormitory is still their greatest need.

Rural Work—Miss Elizabeth Thompson. This work is varied and widely scattered. She mentioned various ways that the societies over the Conference have put on special studies and activities to help and to learn of the rural work over Louisiana, which is the means of advance:

Pledge Service. Vivid and challenging was this part on the program by Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Tidwell.

Mrs. Tidwell stated that supplies are golden arms of love reaching out from us to the various institutions over the Conference. They are also the tools with which our Missionaries work as they carry the Cross of Christ over the world, let us each ask how much would be done over the world if all giving were like mine?

Mrs. Kilpatrick stated the pledge for the five months interim

period to be \$32,000.00. She also stated that the pledge of the Louisiana Conference to the Division for 1950 was \$75,571.50 (See Treasurer's report in detail).

"Because the Master is not here to-day to feed the hungry multitude, He sends us".

After the pledge of the Conference to the Jurisdiction was placed in a silver offering plate by the district treasurers where golden cords were extended on one side from the bowl to a map of Louisiana showing the various institutions on the map supported by the Conference, and on the other side extending to a world globe which, after the pledge was placed in the offering plate, lights literally came on "over the world" and over "Louisiana", which was a beautiful presentation of the total giving. This was closed with prayer by Mrs. Kilpatrick.

Following this stirring presentation the congregation sang "Lead On O King Eternal".

There was a hush mingled with sadness as Mrs. Fairchild called Mrs. Kilpatrick back to the platform and presented her with an Honorary Life Patron membership as a token of love and appreciation from the women over the Louisiana Conference for the seven years of untiring service and leadership rendered by Mrs. Kilpatrick to this great organization.

With a heart full of gratitude Mrs. Kilpatrick responded to this token of love.

Order of Business. The president established the bar for the ballot for Conference treasurer. The name of Mrs. F. E. Kennon was presented. Nominations from the floor were called for by the president. As no other name was presented the secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. F. E. Kennon for the Conference treasurer and was approved by the Conference body.

"The Watchword is Advance" was impressively presented by the robed verse-speaking choir.

The afternoon's program came to a close with Reverend D. B. Raulins requesting that every person face the life size portrait of Christ. As each stood with outstretched arms towards the Christ, Rev. Raulins pronounced the benediction.

World Federation Dinner

Mrs. Sidney Fairchild, Conference vice-president, took charge of this part of the program.

As a background for this presentation across the platform in large letters was the theme "To Know Him and To Make Him Known".

Attractive posters portrayed our mission centers over the world and their people.

The tables were resplendent with azaleas, wild honey-suckle, dogwood and bride's wreath.

Place cards were made of vivid colored fly-leaves fastened together to form a booklet, which on the inside contained the menu of chosen foods that are favorites of various countries. On the leaflets were: "Fruits of the Tree of Life", "Facts", and the "Program".

Women in native costume gave reports of work done in the various countries.

Souvenir dolls dressed in their native lands' costume were in array down the tables.

A special treat was a solo, a selection from the opera, "Carmen", which was rendered by Mrs. Max Ward—also the lullaby "Sweet Little Jesus Boy".

Roll call of World Federation units was answered by women in costume who were the vice-presidents over the six districts.

Mrs. J. M. McLemore, in Chinese costume, sang several Chinese lullabies in the native language.

This beautiful program was closed with all joining hands and praying in unison the World Federation Prayer and joining in the singing of "In Christ There is No East or West".

Wednesday Evening Session

The evening session of the Annual Meeting, Mrs. Laskey presiding, was opened with a period of organ music by Mrs. Bell.

The hymn "Advance, Oh Church of God, Advance" was sung.

After the offering the choir rendered a beautiful anthem.

This was followed with the congregation singing "Rise Up, O Men of God".

Mrs. W. E. Trice introduced the speaker of the evening who delivered an address of high spiritual content, Dr. John Melton, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as he brought a searching message on "The Church Ecumenical" (See contents of Address in back of book).

At the close of Dr. Melton's message communion was administered by all ministers present with Rev. Virgil D. Morris presiding. As all knelt at the altar they were admonished to take up their Cross and follow Him. (small crosses of rough cardboard, tied with purple, were placed on the altar rail.)

Rev. Ralph Cain closed with the benediction, followed by the choir sounding forth a final Amen.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Morning Session

The delegates were in their places at 8:30 A. M., Thursday morning with an organ meditation.

The call to worship was led by Mrs. W. L. Doss, Jr., with scripture reading and prayer.

Order of business followed with the report of the Committee on Journal by Mrs. Aycock, chairman of the committee, that the Minutes were found to be in order.

Recommendations of Advance was read by Mrs. Sam Dunbar.

The president called on Mrs. Goldthwait to speak to the recommendations concerning the study on the proposed budget of Congress and also the tax dollar. Mrs. Goldthwait recommended that societies call on members of the League of Women Voters to talk on the budget.

Mrs. Hicks requested that the 6th day of each month be used as a special prayer day by small prayer groups praying for the program of Advance.

The Recommendations on Program of Advance were approved.

The Conference approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee giving Mrs. Tidwell, Secretary of Supplies, the authority to investigate the situation regarding China and make necessary adjustments.

The report on Constitution and By-Laws brought by Mrs. E. E. Stewart was adopted as amended. (See changes in constitution and by-laws).

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were brought by Mrs. Kilpatrick and were approved (See report of the treasurer).

Mrs. Laskey spoke of the seemingly large budget and hoped each would realize that all the money was to be used in the promotion of this great organization.

She called attention to No. 7 in the Recommendations of Advance and asked all conference and district officers to make a special effort to attend Pastors' School.

Mrs. Ledbetter asked for the privilege of the floor. She expressed the appreciation of the City Mission Board of Business Girls' Inn in Shreveport for each woman's part in having made it possible to make the final payment on Business Girls' Inn.

Mrs. Atkinson, Army Red Cross nurse, was given a few moments on the program. She told of the courses offered by the Red Cross for nurses. She stated that where women wanted to dedicate themselves for Christian service, this was one way that they may do so.

The Committee on Resolutions presented Mrs. Paul Davis, chairman, who read the report of that committee which was approved. (See report of Special Committee on Resolutions).

Announcements were made at different intervals by Rev. Virgil Morris and Rev. Ralph Cain in regard to the route of transportation because of the break in the levee at Baton Rouge.

Rev. Ralph Cain announced that pictures made of the Annual Meeting were on display in the vestibule and orders would be taken for those desiring these.

Mrs. Aycock brought a very cordial invitation from the Trinity Methodist Church of Ruston for the 1950 Annual Meeting which was unanimously accepted.

A voluntary offering was taken for the janitor of the church for his services which amounted to \$26.30.

Also a contribution of \$5.25 was given to help replace the phonograph that had been stolen from People's Community Center to be used in the kindergarten.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, presented "Advancing with His Cross Around the World". She stated the supreme aim of missions is to make known the Lord, Jesus Christ, to all people in all lands.

Local women have more appeal along this field than any one else.

It is hoped that 25 young men and 25 young women may be sent, these to be given intensive training.

There is a definite need for business women to go to India, five women teachers needed in Liberia and a continued need for nurses and doctors.

The church's problem to-day is to transfer the Cross from the skies to the hearts of men.

Philip Brooks has said, "It does not take great men to achieve great deeds. It only takes consecrated men".

Mrs. Jones presented Miss Charlie Holland, a Missionary on leave from Japan. (See address in back of book).

Mrs. Alexander read the scripture from Ephesians 6:10-16, Jude 20, using for the theme of the closing meditation "Faith Is the Victory".

On such a high note, the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference came to a close.

A buffet luncheon was served in the Emma Owen Class Room of the Educational Building by the Crowell Circle, First Methodist Church Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Conference President

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary

PROGRAM ON ADVANCE—1949-50

We Recommend

1. That with a sense of Urgency is this Day of Advance, we become more alert as workers for Christ, with a determination to

make the most of the NOW for Him.

2. "Advance Caravans", made up of at least four conference or district officers, who are prepared on the four point program, shall visit the societies to promote the advance program, and that the annual visitation program be combined with this visit of the "Advance Caravan".

3. That the Woman's Society of Christian Service encourage the securing of individual members in isolated churches or communities where it is not impossible to form a Woman's Society of Christian Service or Wesleyan Service Guild, with the hope that these members shall become leaven for new societies.

4. That a circuit or parish shall be considered organized as regards the Woman's Society of Christian Service, only when every church in the circuit or parish shall have one or more of the following: A Woman's Society of Christian Service, or a Wesleyan Service Guild and individual member or group of members enrolled in the circuit society.

5. That a Commission (or committee) on Missions and World Friendship, and a local secretary of Youth Work be at work in every society with a definite plan for use of mission study materials, and that a World Friendship Group of Girls be organized wherever practical, to become acquainted with the work of the Woman's Society.

6. That every youth contribute to the Methodist Youth Fund, to World Service through Fourth Sunday offerings, and to general church benevolences, and to the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief.

That the finest and ablest youth be made acquainted with the needs and opportunities for Mission service.

8. That local secretaries of Missionary Education and Service assist in creating a church-wide awareness of the Program of Missionary Education, giving guidance as to how these plans may be carried out.

9. That Missionary Education secretaries evaluate the motive for urging study classes, with a view of improving the caliber of study rather than the type credit to be earned.

10. That one of our major emphases for 1949 be in presenting the world's opportunities for students, and thereby fill our need for one thousand new workers.

11. That we need to cooperate with other agencies in laying the challenge of life service on the minds and hearts of our young people.

12. That we urge high school seniors to continue their study, informing them about our Methodist colleges and what they have to offer, and making available information concerning scholarships and loan funds, making an effort to provide some adequate religious instruction in basic Christian thought and practice for high school seniors before they leave for college.

13. That active support be given to the Children's International Emergency Fund of the United Nations, working under the guidance of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activity.

14. That we recognize the urgent need for women to mould an intelligent public opinion favorable to the United Nations, and that United Nations Information Centers for local groups be set up under the guidance of Christian Social Relations secretaries, following suggestions in the Information and Action Bulletins.

15. That, as greater public understanding is essential if a national tax policy is to be developed which would check inflation and reduce our national debt, members of the Woman's Society are urged to study the use of the tax dollar for national defense, domestic services, and foreign aid, and the fairest distribution of the tax burden, along with the use of the regular reports of the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

16. That we support legislation asking that advertising be prohibited which suggests, directly or indirectly, that alcoholic beverages are beneficial to health or social prestige, or are a part of American home life.

17. That each society do some Home and some Foreign Supply work each quarter, and that each society which did Supply Work in 1948 show an increase during 1949-50 as a part in the Advance Program.

18. That societies stand ready to answer any emergency Supply calls as the needs arise.

19. That the major emphasis of the World Federation be "To Promote World Peace" and that it be promoted through every possible channel.

20. That a strong program committee be the goal in every local society with the following marks of efficiency: Meeting in full committee at least quarterly, setting up the total program of education and action for the year, using the official material and plans of the society for the year's program, and making a year book and developing some form of record and evaluation, such as a Log Book.

21. That we enlist the aid of the District Promotion Secretaries and local presidents to see that a secretary of Literature and Publications is elected in every society.

22. That we try to reach the Advance Goal of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % increase in subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook.

23. That each Secretary of Status of Women be asked to prepare a "Responsibility List" (names of women of the church and community not members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service or Wesleyan Service Guild), with the Secretary of Status of Women taking the lead in the cultivation of the women on this Responsibility List and in the Visitation Program.

24. That a systematic program of visitation be put into effect including shut-ins, whose prayers should be a support for the total program.

25. That under all these plans, the motto "Ask God to go with you" be in use.

26. That it has been recognized that the secretary of children's work in the local church should be a worker in the children's division of the church school.

27. That in the fall of 1949, a definite place be given for the presentation of children's work in the Conference Schools and in the district educational seminars.

28. That the secretaries of Children's Work strive to promote Christian family life so that the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children may be more adequately met; to help improve conditions of the local community affecting child welfare; and to guide children so that they may participate in community life.

29. The goal for our Conference shall be one new missionary or deaconess for each 1,000 members during the Quadrennium; one by June 1, 1949 and 3 each year until June, 1952, based on our 1948 membership of 11,152, which includes the Wesleyan Service Guild.

30. That we emphasize the importance of a Missicnary Personnel Committee in the local church with the responsibility to "create an interest in the need for missionaries and deaconesses (By-Laws Art. 4, Sect. 11), and channel names of college life-service volunteers to Conference Missionary Personnel Secretary and high school names to the District Missionary Personnel Secretary.

31. That the Conference Missionary Personnel Secretary shall contact Wesley Foundations and Methodist Student Movements on the campus in her conference, urging the use of speakers to present the need for 1,000 new workers during the Quadrennium.

32. That there be definite daily prayer for the Four Point Program, for Projects on Fellowship of Intercessions cards and for names in the Prayer Calendar, with family worship observed in the home.

33. That observance of the World Day of Prayer, Lenten Day Apart, Week of Prayer and Self Denial with quiet day be observed, and that special prayer groups be held with the 6th of each month (Anniversary of the Day of Advance) a time of special intercession.

34. That the Spiritual Life study and the worship services be carefully planned and carried out with a wider use of devotional books and leaflets, and that The Upper Room be placed in bus stations, beauty shops and hospitals, and that a spiritual life bookshelf be maintained.

35. That the Wesleyan Service Guild accept 33 1/3% of the Conference membership goal as its responsibility, with every Guild member "studying, giving, building, praying". Thirty-three and one-third percent increase in subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook. One more study class each year (up to four). Thirty-three and one-third percent increase in giving for the first and second year.

36. That one Guild missionary each year from each conference be our goal.

37. That the Guild cooperate in both the "responsibility lists" and the visitation plans by "Advance Caravans," in the Spring of 1949.

RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions for the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, submits the following report.

We wish to express our appreciation to our efficient President, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, for her excellent guidance and to Mrs. W. C. Trice, her program committee, for the enrichment of mind and spirit that came through devotions, the ministry of music, inspirational addresses and routine reports.

Especially notable has been the high fellowship with the Missionary Personnel, with the Inter-Racial groups, and persons, guest speakers from the ministry, Jurisdictional Officers, Department Secretaries and Conference Delegations.

Our thanks go to:

Mrs. W. M. Alexander, former secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. R. H. Cole, Jurisdictional Secretary of Literature and Publication.

Miss Charlie Holland, Educational Worker, Nagasaki, Japan.

Dr. John Melton, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, Administrative Secretary of the Methodist Committee for Over-seas relief.

Mrs. David Tarver, guest song leader.

The hostess society, First Methodist Church of Alexandria.

Rev. and Mrs. Virgil D. Morris, Rev. and Mrs. W. Ralph Cain, Rev. and Mrs. George Harbuck, Rev. and Mrs. Jolly B. Harper, Mrs. George E. Powell, President of the local W. S. C. S.

Mrs. J. R. Bell, organist, Mrs. J. H. Barnett, Jr., soloists, Mrs. J. M. McLemore and Mrs. Max Ward.

Special acknowledgment is due to the ladies of the Presbyterian Church for the beautiful appointed Wesleyan Service Guild Dinner served at their Church, to the Woman's Christian Missionary Society of the First Christian Church for the Literature Luncheon, to the St. James Auxiliary of the Episcopal Guild for the World Federation Dinner, to the local W. S. C. S., for the Sacrificial Luncheon and the Buffet Luncheon and to the Trinity Church who was hostess to the Executive Committee prior to the opening of the Conference.

Our appreciation to the press for publicity given the meeting.

Old fashion Methodist hospitality has been evident at all times to everyone attending Conference at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

Special thanks are due to the Committees on Flower arrangements and Worship Centers.

Our appreciation goes to the Custodian of the Church for his untiring service.

Our heart felt gratitude reaches out to all who made the "Advancing with His Cross" a vivid reality in our lives. As the shadow of the Cross touches our lives, may each find her own way of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Paul M. Davis, Chairman

Mrs. Charles Chisholm

Mrs. Reeves R. Haughton

Mrs. James C. Whitaker

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

It has been a happy privilege to serve as your president for another year, through the ending of one quadrennium and the beginning of another. As I look back I can see many accomplishments, but I do not intend to spend much time talking about what we have done, or failed to do. As you registered, you delegates were given reports of all the departments, compiled by your secretaries, and reports of all institutions and fields of service prepared by your workers. I hope you will study these reports, familiarize yourself with the work done in the Louisiana Conference, and feel proud, as I do, that we belong to this great Woman's Society that has accomplished so much. In addition to these reports, you will hear from the Conference floor tomorrow, reports by the Promotion Secretary, and her seven district promotion secretaries. This will give you a cross-section of the work accomplished in each district last year—in membership gains, finances, studies, work with youth, children, students, etc.

We are indeed grateful to the women of Louisiana for your response to our appeal for additional funds. Our treasurer will give a detailed report to you, but I cannot resist telling you that for all purposes we sent to the Woman's Division \$93,142.95. Of this amount, \$62,543 was paid on appropriations, then \$5,000.00 to Business Girls Inn, and \$28,720 for supplies—leading the entire Jurisdiction in these, and \$6,655, Week of Prayer.

Our per capita giving fell from first place in the Jurisdiction, to second. This is the first time this has occurred. We did not attain our goal of 1/3 increase on appropriations. Only one Conference did this, Central Texas—but we are hoping that this can be accomplished next year.

I also want to express appreciation to each Conference officer, and to each District officer for their tireless, faithful, consecrated service this year. To each local society and to each Wesleyan Service Guild goes my sincere thanks for the results we are reporting at this time. It is you, the 10,100 women in 260 societies, and the 1448 women in 71 Guilds who have made the work of the Woman's Society possible. To each of you I say a most sincere and appreciative thank you.

Instead of reporting to you of our progress, and our shortcomings —(and who hasn't some?)—I'm going to use my message as a kind of key-note address, in which I hope to inspire you, and help you see the need for **greater** accomplishments in the year that lies ahead. I have chosen as my subject the title of an article in the **Methodist Woman**, "**All the Past is Prologue**". That is on which I wish to speak

—the challenge, and the greatness of the days that lie ahead.

I do not need to place before you a word-picture of the world today. You are all too familiar with these tumultuous times. Every newspaper, radio, newsreel, or lecturer makes us conscious of our precarious condition, and call attention to the fact that we are living in one of the crucial eras of the world's history. We are constantly aware of the two world powers—Russia and the United States—at death-grips, as it were over the conflicting ideologies, Communism vs. Democracy. We in America are aware of other ideologies, secularism and materialism—those subtle charming enemies of religion. Position, wealth, prestige, pleasure, are placed first—and the church is made an interesting hobby, that won't interfere with anything else. All too many women are apathetic, indifferent and completely absorbed in unessentials.

If only we could help those of you who are here to catch the vision of what it is like to be wholly committed to the great program of the church, then you in turn could help the hundreds of women at home to see the great needs of the world, the fields of service, and the supreme importance of every woman doing her job. I do not mean an Utopia would result, but we could make ourselves felt as a potent force in our communities, state, nation—and in the world. The Methodist church, with its outposts across the seven seas and in almost every country, is a vital factor in the world today. With our great outreach has come tremendous responsibilities. What happens in Louisiana is now important to the rest of the world, and is soon known around the world. So, there is no limit to what 10,000 Methodist women can do toward changing attitudes and talents, toward working for peace, and carrying the Christian message.

We take the church so for granted; we water it down, and make it such an anemic sort of organization. We also take America, and all we stand for, in the same way. During the 1st year, I have had the opportunity to know a Polish student, a Chinese student, and I sat beside Dr. Najder one evening at supper—to them everything in America is wonderful—just the simplest things, bread, butter, milk, clean clothes, clean water, soap—most of all, freedom. You have read the account of the boat-load of Displaced Persons who landed recently in New Orleans—who crowded along the rails, standing for hours in the rain to catch their first glimpse of America. What reverence they feel toward our country!—and what are we making it mean to millions of people? Does it mean murders, frauds, bickering, injustice and filibusters?

If we could feel a reverence toward our Church, and its great program that these people from other countries feel toward America—then, there would be no need for Dr. Diffendorfer to say, "We are faced with this issue, either we are going to rise to the opportunities that are before us, or we will move to the side lines and let other forces and other agencies come forward with programs that meet the world needs—and other forces are taking over in large areas of the world.

The Christian Mission has a more profound message than any man-made system, although we are trying all kinds of economic, political and social panaceas, instead. If we would only begin to apply it, we have the answer to the world's problems. Oh, but you say skeptically, "We've been at this job 2,000 years and the unfinished task is larger than our achievements". That's true, but this is **not** the end, but only the beginning of what the church can do. With the world-wide establishment of the church, the past accomplishments are only a prologue for even greater tasks. We are told on good authority that not since the collapse of the old Christian empire has history offered the church as difficult and magnificent assignment as that of today.

With this knowledge at hand, the great Advance program of the Foreign Mission Council of North America, in which 62 denominations are cooperating, and our own Methodist Advance, has been planned. It is a challenging program, thrilling in its magnitude and possibilities.

For Methodist women, the Advance is a joint effort. We cooperate in two fields of service. First, as a member of the local church we will help loyally in the total church program, bearing in our hearts the responsibility for our faith, our church, our ministry, and our Mission. In addition, we will be carrying forward the Advance program of the Woman's Society through its regular channels—strengthening present work, bringing reinforcements for depleted ranks, entering upon new enterprises in the interest of humanity, in Home, Foreign department and Christian Social Relations.

I wish I had a magic carpet upon which to take you across this broad land of ours—from one coast to another, to the city, the country, to schools, to social welfare work, to hospitals, to Alaska, Puerto Rica, the Virgin Islands, Panama, Hawaii, seeing 700 pieces of work, crowded with eager children, wistful adults, needy people. This work of ours is frequently inadequately housed and always understaffed. Oh, it was fine fifteen or twenty years ago—now we're bursting the seams, and we need new equipment, new buildings, and **more** and **more** workers.

Then after we had visited our home-land, I would whisk you on my magic carpet to the 21 countries across the seas, where under palms, in steaming jungles, across plains, mountains, in cities and rural areas we minister to every race and kind of people. Methodism has spread tremendously in the last 100 years. Just now we are seeing the fruit of the labor of long years by our pioneer missionaries. I wish we might visit these bright spots in many countries, the schools ranging from kindergarten to college, schools for training illiterates, clinics, nurseries, hospitals, medical centers, schools for training nurses, social settlements, churches, rural and urban centers, homes for children, hotels—and on and on. They are all crowded to capacity—new buildings are needed, equipment wears out, the cost of living has gone up—and again comes the pleas—"send us workers. send us missionaries".

Knowing that in order to take the plans off paper, and to make them come alive, we are making the four goals of primary importance in every local Woman's Society. The Department of Christian Social Relations has adopted as its slogan for the quadrennium, "All Action Is Local". I like that, because none of the Advance can be executed without the local Woman's Society. This is no far-off fantastic dream—it's workable, but we do need the resources of **every** Methodist woman, her talents, her skills, her gifts, her service, her prayers, and her ability. So, Goal 1 is to enlist **every** Methodist woman as a member of the Woman's Society. As I have gone over the state, I have been amazed at the numbers of women who are not members, as you have compiled your responsibility lists, both in city and rural churches. I hate to tell you, but my latest report stated that we still have 15 unorganized charges, and 170 unorganized churches. I was amazed to learn that in Denmark there are **two more** Woman's Societies than Methodist churches, and in Finland every Methodist church has a Woman's Society. Our goal for members for this year is nearly 2,500 increase. Where are they? Look about you—employed women, who need to join the Guild: Guilds for young girls, brides' circles, and the indifferent woman who has never joined.

The Work of Education and Cultivation and Christian Social Relations should not be regarded merely as machinery, but as part of the dynamic message itself—Goal 2, has been planned to inform,

stimulate and inspire us. It is the dynamo, it will make us "go" and "glow". The educational program includes all literature, and works through all departments—children, youth, students and Spiritual Life. Without more consecration of individual lives, a more earnest prayer-life, and deeper personal commitment, the whole program will fail.

The Department of Christian Social Relations has adopted as the basis for study and action for the quadrennium—"Human Rights—Our World Mission"—working entirely on the local levels on these fundamental issues;

1. Working to better community conditions, for we can't build a world for peace until we begin at home.

2. To train women to become alert, intelligent informed citizens.

3. Building safe foundations for family life.

4. Arousing the voice and vote of Christians.

5. Strengthening moral forces at work today; i. e., alcohol education.

6. Applying Christian principles to human freedom in our own community.

- a. removal of stumbling block to disenfranchized citizens.

- b. aid given to displaced persons.

- c. removal of discriminatory practices.

- d. working for better housing, education and health for all people.

What kind of world do you want tomorrow? Just the kind you are building at home today. Let's ask ourselves candidly: What kind of world would it be if everyone acted as I act? Do you have hate, fear, prejudice—or do you apply love, brotherhood, and the fellowship of the widened heart?

A minister in a Presbyterian church told this experience in securing his first pastorate. He labored for weeks preparing his "Candidating sermon". It was perfect, academically, theologically and oratorically. Afterward, when he secured the church, one of the elderly deacons said to him: "Do you know why we asked you to come to be our pastor?" "Well," said the young man, "it was my sermon." "No," replied the deacon, "we liked the way you shook hands at the door after the service."

That's what the world needs. We have all the ideas we need, the Advance is not bringing us anything new, no new facts, but it is asking us to put into action love, sympathy and understanding—to understand the other person, to see his needs, then do something about it, at home and around the world.

I could have spent my entire time on Goal 3—for the need is so great; the call is for 1,000 **new** Missionaries, deaconesses and other full-time Christian workers. The median age of foreign missionaries is heartbreaking—52 years 6 months. Many will reach the retirement age this year, and within the next few years. We **must** have a young woman ready to go by June of this year—a young woman who has completed her college training, and who after a brief training can go out to serve.

Do you Wesleyan Guild folks know about Alexa McCain of Shreveport, who was a teacher, but decided last year to go into the work of the church? She had a period of training, was commissioned in December, sailed the middle of February for India where she will teach in Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India. Isn't there one among you who would like to go into some field of service—you who are trained, and could go?

During the past year, 50 young people have gone to Japan and Korea for a 3-year period. The most thrilling letters come from them, telling of their work. Now, a call comes from another part of Asia—

Independent India. Fifty young people will go there this year for three-years—to fight illiteracy, to combat poverty, to help conquer disease, and carry the Christian message. I can't give you all the details now—but if any of you are interested, or know of a qualified young person between ages 21 and 28 years—unmarried—write or see me or Mrs. C. I. Jones.

You are aware by now that the magnificent outreach of such a program as this cannot be carried out without increased financial strength. I do not worry about this phase of Advance—or rather this Goal 4, for as we become informed, and see the great areas of human need, and our hearts are dedicated to the task, we will in turn gladly give and share.

We called on you to increase your giving for the five month interval, and from all reports, you have responded generously and gladly. At the Jurisdiction meeting in Tulsa, we were called upon to pledge for the 17-month period, from January, 1949 to May 1949, then from June, 1949, to May, 1950. After prayerful consideration, we stepped out completely on faith and pledged \$105,000 for this 17-month period. For the 5-month period, \$30,000; and for the year ending in 1950, \$75,000. This is a tremendous increase, but we know you will respond in the face of such great needs. This means that we are asking every Methodist woman to increase her pledge by $\frac{1}{3}$ from June, 1949 to May, 1950. In order to know upon what basis to make it, take your pledge of 1948—the year ending in December, 1948. Say it was \$30.00—you asked to raise it $\frac{1}{3}$ —that would make your pledge \$40.00. If you do this, it will more than meet our pledge. Harry Emerson Fosdick says: "What a man does with his money he is in a real sense doing with himself."

We believe in you, we have faith in you, in your devotion to Christ and His Church.

The Shoshone Indian tribe have a beautiful legend describing how a Chieftian was chosen for their tribe. Before dawn three young men of the tribe set out toward the distant Sierra Madre Range, each carrying fourteen days provisions, with a strong determination to succeed in this journey of testing which would qualify him to be the Shoshone Chieftian. Each was to bring back with him evidence of the height he had reached in scaling the rugged stormswept peaks.

After ten days of old Chief's watching was rewarded by the return of the youngest young man. "I bring you, O Chief, the white mountain flower"—and the old man knew this flower grew only at the upper rim of the timber line. Four days more, and the second young brave returned, bruised and exhausted, but holding a piece of rock—and the old Chief knew this stone was to be found only far up near the crest. A searching party, sent out to find the eldest, returned after the twentieth day, reporting they had found this lost young man at the foot of the mountains, his arm broken, slowly making his way back across the plain. "I bring nothing in my hand, O Chief, but from the summit I saw a new world; I carry that vision in my heart."

O Women, have you caught the Vision? Will you Advance with His Cross?

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION—1948

Alexandria District

THE ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT IS ADVANCING! We lead the conference this year in new members gained, having a net gain of _____ for the year. We also have three (3) new Societies, Davis

Springs, Jacoby and Evergreen. All phases of the work of the W. S. C. S. have been entered into heartily. We are happy to report the following statistics:

Number of Societies	31
Total membership in district	1,146
Our finances also show a decided increase:	
Amount raised for Adult Life Membership \$	575.00
Baby Life Memberships	50.00
Conference Memberships	89.50
One Week of Prayer offerings	548.96
Total raised on Missions' Pledge	6,016.73
Cultivation Fund	120.40
Grand total raised for the year	\$7,511.47

Our Educational Seminar at First Methodist Church in September was well attended, with twenty-two churches represented. The plan of presenting the outline of study courses for the year proved most helpful and inspiring. As a result, our study courses in the local churches were more intelligently presented.

ADVANCE! THE ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT IS READY!

It goes without saying, this increased interest came as a result of whole hearted cooperation from my co-workers in the District: Mrs. George E. Powell, President; Mr. J. H. McSween, Treasurer, and Mrs. M. H. Foster, Secretary of Missionary Education and Promotion.

Thank you all for four cooperation and prayers.

Nanee White, Promotion Secretary

Baton Rouge District

A summary of the annual report of the Baton Rouge District gives evidence of a steady growth in the quality and quantity of the work being done by the Methodist women. Each secretary's report shows sustained interest in their department.

The increases in giving and the increases of the work are the assurance that our Methodist women of the Baton Rouge District have caught the spirit of the Program of Advance.

The total in monies sent into our Treasurer was \$14,376.00 of this \$1,315.00 paid for our 101 Life Memberships. We will grant you our pledge was low, \$6,848.00, but it was well over-paid in the amount of \$8,789.34 going over the 1947 pledge.

At the close of 1948, we had 48 societies and 3 un-organized circuits. We'd like to compare that to 1947 when we had only 40 societies and 4 un-organized circuits. Unhappily, however, we report a loss of membership due to the Covington society changing over to the New Orleans District.

We're proud of our annual District Conference for 1948 which was our largest in its history with one society present 100%.

Two outstanding events were the executive meetings of the Baton Rouge District officers. At the second meeting with 9 district officers and 3 conference officers present, we made a thorough study of the program of Advance. Highlight of the day was our Commitment to the Four Points. Humbly, we feel that:

"Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach;
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech."

One of my greatest joys as promotion secretary has been to hear of the fine receptions our Advance has been given in each society; and to stimulate this interest, the secretary has mailed out "immedi-

ately" (per Mrs. Woolevers' instructions) the three issues of the ADVANCE CLIPPER to every president in the district.

Mrs. N. B. Riddle, Promotion Secretary
Baton Rouge District

Report of Lake Charles District

Since "All action is local", the District officers feel a sense of gratitude and pride in the amount of progress made by the societies. Through Officer training, District meeting, Seminars, Zone meetings, and fine local programs, we have advanced in: membership, study, prayer, giving and building.

We actually launched our Advance in December when 3 caravan teams of District officers consisting of Mrs. Dick Watson, Mrs. Don Collette, Mrs. Guy Havener, Mrs. Carl Curtis, Mrs. Gladney Hoffpauir and Mrs. P. D. Lambert presented Goals one, two and four at four zone meetings to 30 societies and about 300 members. Goal 3 was made very real through use of the playlet on Missionary Personnel, given by members from the societies of Vinton, DeRidder, Davidson Memorial and Lake Arthur.

Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Promotion Secretary

Monroe District

Societies in Monroe District prove their faith in the prime importance of Spiritual Growth, since each Society has a Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

Our 5 Zone Leaders have held wonderfully inspiring and instructive meetings, stressing STUDY. Twenty-seven societies have used approved studies. Prior to each meeting, the Zone Leader has been furnished a chart showing work and funds reported by local officers of each WSCS in her zone. This makes for healthful competition among the members of the zone family, and enables the leader to detect weakness and credit achievement.

Officer visitation was, in many places, attended 100%.

The well attended Educational Seminar at Bastrop, with Conference Officers Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. Jackson as teachers, was truly a Spiritual feast.

All charges are organized and we have 3 new societies. To Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, our District President, to Mrs. Frank Hatch of Rayville, and to Mrs. G. L. Cagle of Grayson, we express gratitude for help in organizing new societies and reviving old ones.

We feel an irreparable loss in Mrs. Atkinson's moving from our district. She has served efficiently and faithfully as our Treasurer. She reports:

W. S. C. S.: Pledge \$7,347.76; Week of Prayer \$799.62; Special Life Memberships, \$1,525.25; and Supplies \$1,109.10.

GUILD: Pledge \$998.40; Supplies \$187.40; Special Life Memberships \$50.00.

Our 14 Guilds are doing splendid work.

District Conference high light was Mrs. Guy Hick's soul stirring Retreat, with Mrs. Serex as soloist. Much interest was created by each district officer displaying a chart, using colored stars to show the progress made in her line of work by each society.

We have received a hearing—but not a report—from every society each quarter.

The first three "Advance Clippers", have been mailed each society.

The Advance Caravan has been planned at Executive Meeting,

with District officers and one Conference officer as Caravaners.
Let us join our prayers for the Advance of the Church of God!

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. W. Patrick, Promotion Secretary

New Orleans District

	1947	1948	Net Gain
Number of W. S. C. S.	28	29	1
Number of W. S. G.	4	6	2*
W. S. C. S. membership	1158	1174	16
W. S. G. membership	100	131	31
Total membership	1258	1305	47
New members added during 1948 totaled 194.			

*(1 was a transfer)

During the first quarter a new society was organized at Lockport, La., and Covington was transferred from the Baton Rouge District. During the last quarter Berwick withdrew from the W. S. C. S. stating that they would continue as a prayer circle. In the fourth quarter, a W. S. G. was organized at Napoleon Ave.

September, 1948 the District held its Educational Seminar with good attendance, presenting under the theme "By His Light Shall The Nations Walk", the studies for the year.

Perhaps the most unusual thing about the New Orleans District is it's rapid turnover of officers. Some of us are even filling the unexpired part of an unexpired term. In spite of this we hope to move forward.

Mrs. L. S. Broussard.

Ruston District

In the Ruston District, one new Society has been organized, making a total of 36 societies, with an enrollment of 1503—including 103 new members.

Reports show an advance along all lines financially. Zone meetings have been days of inspiration, information, and fellowship. A fine spirit of loyalty and Christian service has been indicated in local societies.

Whatever progress is shown in the report of the Ruston District may be rightfully credited to the able work of Mrs. Stuart Deas who served most effectively as Promotion Secretary for nearly four years. I feel sincerely humble in succeeding her in this work and can only pledge to the women of the Ruston District to do MY best as she has done HER best.

With faith in God and working hand in hand with each other, we the women of Ruston District, look forward to doing much for the Kingdom in the great Advance for Christ and His Church.

Mrs. J. B. Williams

Shreveport District

As in veryday life, we have had our ups and downs in the Shreveport District the past year. We added one society and lost one. Reports show a net gain of 38 members. We still have 2 unorganized Circuits and 13 unorganized churches.

The graph goes up in finances. A gain of about \$5,000. Total going through treasury \$35,000. Down in special membership; up in

Supplies, which shows a total of \$16,298.73; down in Week of Prayer observance as well as offering: 34 this year, 36 last year. Up in Education classes and attendance, 136 against 128 last year; 1,651 members participating. 22 societies had four classes, and 18 received Jurisdiction Recognition; 28 societies represented at Seminar; down in subscriptions to Methodist Woman and World Outlook, though we still report 600 Methodist Women and 474 to World Outlook. Down in amount spent on Christian Social Relations, but results good. The Recreation Center for Negro children in the Stoner Hill section of Shreveport is now a reality, and caring for 25 children daily in kindergarten. About 100 children use the center regularly. Except for utility bills, which the Society at First Church pays, it is supported and run by the negroes of that community.

The increase in Supplies is due to the project of furnishing the new Business Girls Inn. Through a committee from the City Mission Board who made personal solicitations, all bedrooms, the infirmary, and the date room were furnished by individuals or organizations. Some of the other rooms were partly furnished in this way. In November the Board sponsored a luncheon at the Washington-Youree Hotel at \$10.00 per plate, to equip the dining room and kitchen. 428 women attended. The home is now complete and occupied. It is located at 814 Cotton St.

We are entering the years of Advance with enthusiasm, and hope to show concrete results as the years go by.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart,
Promotion Secretary

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild

This year there have been two rather significant events which have influenced the work of the vice presidents and helped in advancing with His Cross. First, the quadrennial meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women in May 1948. Second, coming from the Division, a broader interpretation of the functions of the program committee in the local societies, the committee of which the vice president is Chairman.

The Federation meeting in Boston brought together 54 delegates from 30 units of the Federation around the world for a three day meeting. A full report of this meeting was passed on to each of our seven district vice presidents. They in turn were asked to channel it down to each local vice president. A photostatic copy of the new Constitution, with signatures of the unit representatives, will be displayed at this Conference. One of our own Jurisdiction officers, Mrs. J. N. R. Score, was elected secretary of the World Federation. The major emphasis chosen for this quadrennium's program for the Federation is the Promotion of World Peace. All vice presidents should make wide use of the Federation salutation, "Peace be with you".

The vital necessity of a strong program committee has become increasingly evident as we go forward into the Advance. The widened scope of this committee has brought new challenge and added responsibility to the vice president. A fairly good percent of the Societies report making year books, promoting World Federation and increased interest in the program series.

Mimeographed report blanks have been used this year with a fair response. The inclusion of an official blank for the vice president

in the regular Report Book will encourage more local vice presidents to send in reports.

We failed this year to advance in Special Memberships. Not one of the seven Districts reached the goal of "at least one membership from each Society". In our new membership Roll Book, we have recorded 430 names for 1948.

As goes the program of education and activities, so goes the Society. As goes the Woman's Society of Christian Service, so go the happiness and destiny of many thousands of women and children throughout the world. How great a mantle of sacred responsibility He has cast upon us.

"Advance, O Church of God, advance.

We dare not longer wait

To share our Christ with all the world.

It is already late."

Recommendations

1. That the major emphasis of the World Federation for this quadrennium "To Promote World Peace" be advance through every possible channel. The use of the Federation salutation "Peace be with you" is advocated.

2. That a strong program committee be the goal in every local society with the following marks of efficiency: (1) meeting in full committee at least quarterly, (2) setting up the total program of education and action for the year, (3) using the official material and plans of the Society for the year's program, (4) making a year book and developing some form of record and evaluation such as the Log Book.

3. That the following be the goal for Special Memberships this year: a special membership from each society.

TREASURER'S REPORT WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1948

Explanation	Balance			Balance
	Jan. 10, '48	Additions	Deductions	Jan. 10, '49
First National Bank	\$5,464.12	\$100,214.01	\$99,663.65	\$6,014.48
DESIGNATED FUNDS:				
Dulac Building Fund	1,298.45	24.50	188.40	1,134.55
Peoples Community Center	35.29	636.40		671.69
Business Girls' Inn	270.43	245.00	464.18	51.25
Scarritt Fund	100.00		30.00	70.00
Scarritt Study Grant	20.00			20.00
Honorary Mbrs. Con.		781.85	500.00	281.85
Woman's Division		5.00		5.00
Reserve for Cultivation	2,612.20	5,508.40	4,974.23	
Refunds to Cultivation				
Rayne Bank Liquidators		.50		
Collection Conference		265.80		
Travel Pool Treasurers		34.31		
School of Missions		28.65		
Sale of Conference Minutes		176.35		
Seminar Material Sale		128.16		
Total in Cultivation Reserve				3,780.14
	\$4,336.37	\$ 7,834.92	\$ 6,156.81	\$6,014.48

RECEIPTS:

	Total Pledges	Paid on Pledge	Paid on Appropriations*	Total Receipts
Alexandria	\$ 5,903.00	\$ 6,180.56	\$ 6,390.47	\$ 7,600.74
Baton Rouge	6,858.00	10,610.44	11,198.49	14,224.84
Lake Charles	6,725.50	9,623.64	10,248.26	12,610.79
Monroe	7,237.00	10,454.47	10,913.89	13,022.26
New Orleans	7,898.00	8,857.47	9,154.41	11,219.84
Ruston	7,651.00	8,770.04	9,078.93	10,862.57
Shreveport	13,235.00	14,844.31	15,204.17	26,997.36
	<hr/> \$55,507.50	<hr/> \$69,340.93	<hr/> \$72,188.62	<hr/> \$96,538.40

Misc. Receipts:

Love Offering	1,078.55
Sager Brown Collection	157.46
Received on Building Funds**	717.50

Total Receipts from Districts	\$98,491.91
Less Cultivation Fund	5,508.40

Total	\$ 92,983.51
Reserve for Cultivaton	5,508.40
Transient Items	1,088.83
Conference Cultivation Refunds**	633.27
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TOTAL RECEIPTS—1948	100,214.01
Cash in Bank Jan. 10, 1948	5,464.12
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TOTAL CASH to be accounted for	\$105,678.13

*Includes pledges, memberships, special missionary projects, MYF and children receipts.

**See "Designated Funds" above.

	District per Capita giving on Pledge		Total Giving
	W.S.C.S	W.S.G.	W.S.C.S. & W.S.G.
Alexandria	\$1.78	\$4.93	\$5.91
Baton Rouge	6.49	6.99	8.75
Lake Charles	4.98	4.40	6.41
Monroe	6.54	3.63	7.47
New Orleans	6.91	5.70	8.59
Ruston	5.65	5.27	6.94
Shreveport	7.54	3.75	13.13
Conference Average	6.17	4.94	8.36

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE.
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE — FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1948

DISBURSEMENTS:

Woman's Division of Christian Service:

W. S. C. S. Pledge \$50,061.56

W. S. C. S.

Memberships 7,220.00

Total W. S. C. S.

Pledge \$57,281.55

W. S. G. Pledge 4,970.38

W. S. G.

Memberships 535.00

Total W. S. G. Pledge 5,505.38

1947 Pledge Balance 1,000.00

Conference Memberships 500.00

Total remitted to

Division on Pledge \$64,286.93

Methodist Youth Fund 2,558.34

Children 289.35

Total

\$67,134.62

Less Supplementary Gift: Business Girls' Inn 5,000.00

Total on Appropriations

\$62,134.62

Supplies, Week of Prayer, World Federation

25,585.79

Supplementary Gifts:

Lucille Sexton Browsing Room 127.75

Rural Worker 258.75

Cultivation Fund for Division 27.54

Business Girls' Inn 5,000.00

Miscellaneous 8.50

TOTAL to Division

\$93,142.95

To Mrs. H. E. Werner, Jurisdiction Cultivation

330.45

CONFERENCE CULTIVATION

	Budgeted	Disbursed
Officers	\$ 700.00	\$635.00
Office Expense	100.00	60.73
Annual Conference	750.00	968.01*
Conference Executive Meeting	150.00	180.99
Jurisdiction Meeting	200.00	200.89
Youth Assembly	75.00	75.00
Conference School of Missions	100.00	157.95
Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions	400.00	300.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00	200.00
Work Shop	60.00	
Conference Minutes	300.00	686.87*
Treasurers' Meeting	50.00	16.60
Treasurers' Bonds	15.00	15.19**
Bank Charges	7.50	3.50
Stationery	100.00	136.94
Insurance—automobile	110.00	126.03
Expense—automobile	100.00	

Youth Director	600.00	500.00
W. S. G. Cultivation	654.00	128.74
Co.-Operative Meetings	200.00	100.00
Rural Worker—Room Rent	45.00	11.25
Miscellaneous	133.01	
Gift—Alexa McCain		5.00
Research Committee		22.55
Education Seminar.		85.00*
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	\$5,149.51	
Division Cultivation	27.54	
Jurisdiction Cultivation	330.45	
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Total Budgeted	\$5,507.50	
Total Disbursed Conference Cultivation		\$ 4,616.24
Transient Items		1,079.83
Marzette Stephens		30.00
Business Girls' Inn Fund received from Districts		464.18
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Total Disbursements		\$ 99,663.65
Balance in Bank January 10, 1949		6,014.48
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		\$105,678.13

*Credits to expense items shown in "Designated Funds."

**Three Years

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Treasurer

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee recommends:

1. That the Pledge for the 5 months interim period—January 1, 1949 - May 31, 1949, - be \$32,000, to be divided as follows:

Alexandria	\$3,059.00
Baton Rouge	3,929.00
Lake Charles	3,846.00
Monroe	4,157.00
New Orleans	4,547.00
Ruston	4,406.00
Shreveport	7,756.00

2. That the Districts' pledge to Conference for the year May 31, 1949, to June 1, 1950, be \$75,571.50, to be divided as follows:

Alexandria	\$ 7,721.50
Baton Rouge	9,364.00
Lake Charles	9,286.00
Monroe	9,970.00
New Orleans	10,750.00
Ruston	10,520.00
Shreveport	17,960.00

3. That the Budget for cultivation for 1949-50 be as follows:

Officers Expense	\$ 800.00
Annual Conference	750.00
Conference Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	200.00
Conference School of Missions	260.00
Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions	400.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Work Shop	60.00
Conference Minutes	550.00

Bank Charges	7.50
Stationery	100.00
Insurance—automobile	125.00
Automobile Expense	200.00
Youth Director	600.00
WSG Cultivation	360.00
Co-operative Meetings	275.00
Miscellaneous	158.10
Division Cultivation	28.86
Jurisdiction Cultivation	346.29
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	\$5,771.50

4. That the Pledge to Missions to the Division be \$70,000, which includes a supplementary gift of \$345 for Rural Work and \$3,000 supplementary gift to Business Girls' Inn.

5. That our increase in Pledge go toward the payment of the salaries of Alexa McCain, Clara Chalmers and an additional worker for Business Girls' Inn.

6. That each District Wesleyan Service Guild make a pledge to Missions details to be worked out at the Summer Guild Week-end.

7. That the \$260 included in the budget for the Conference School of Missions be distributed as follows: \$80.00 for Honorariums, \$100.00 for 5 Conference Officers' Expense, and travel expenses for corresponding District Officers as follows: Alexandria, \$7.00; Baton Rouge, \$20.00; Lake Charles, \$15.00; Monroe, \$6.00; New Orleans, \$20.00; Ruston, \$5.00; Shreveport, \$5.00.

8. That the local Societies and Guilds, for the period May 31, 1949, to June 1, 1950, reach and maintain a 33½% increase in their giving over the amount pledged in 1948.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARIES PROMOTION

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Secretary

As we participate in this great program of advance in which our church is engaged, let us ever keep in mind that it should be our greatest joy to be about our Father's business. The world so desperately needs the message of "Peace on earth, good will toward men" that we should be thrilled at the opportunity for our great organization to "Advance with His Cross."

During the year, we organized 19 new societies and three new Guilds but for various reasons we lost almost as many as we organized, and report a net gain of two societies and three Guilds. There has been an increase of 398 members over last year's total in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, making a total of 10,105. In the Wesleyan Service Guild there has been an increase of 135 members making a total of 1,443; the grand total being 11,548 members with a net gain of 533.

We are always happy when we can report our pledge overpaid and in 1948, even though we pledged \$50,000.00, again it was overpaid.

There were 421 special memberships totaling \$7,760.00. The amount spent for Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities by the Woman's Society was \$55,688.02, and by the Wesleyan Service Guild, \$2,063.50.

One hundred forty-three societies reported using the goal chart, but only 32 attained all of the goals.

There were 162 societies which observed the Week of Prayer with a total offering of \$6,282.22.

Louisiana Conference reports 213 Spirit Life Secretaries, 143 Student Secretaries, 135 Youth Secretaries, 170 Children's Secretaries, and 130 Status of Women Secretaries. Ten thousand two hundred ninety were enrolled in approved study classes. One hundred fifty-nine Societies have active committees on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activity. Two thousand one hundred forty subscriptions to the World Outlook, 3,265 subscriptions to the Methodist Woman, and 39 societies with every officer a subscriber to Methodist Woman. One hundred one societies held installation services, 123 held officers' training days, and there were 167 missionary or guest speakers at society meetings during the year.

Each district had fine district meetings which were well attended and many inspirational zone meetings were held.

We are grateful to every woman in each local society who is doing the work of her Master and who will be responsible for helping the organization to advance His Cross.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

1. That a circuit or parish shall be considered organized as regards the Woman's Society of Christian Service only when every church in the circuit or parish shall have one or more of the following:

1. A Woman's Society of Christian Service

2. A Wesleyan Service Guild and Individual member or group of members enrolled in the circuit society.

2. That the Woman's Society of Christian Service encourage the securing of individual members in isolated churches or communities where it is now impossible to form a Woman's Society of Christian Service or a Wesleyan Service Guild, with the hope that these members shall become leaven for new societies. These members shall be members of the district society and shall be the special responsibility of the District Promotions Secretary.

3. That there be "Advance Caravans" made up of at least four conference or district officers who are prepared on the four point program and who shall visit the societies to promote the advance program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and that the annual visitation program be combined with this visit of the "Advance Caravan".

4. That this addition to the program, in every monthly meeting of the Woman's Society and in every circle meeting, items gleaned from the Advance Clipper be used.

5. That we strive for a 15% increase in members for the second year.

6. That we continue to strive for 100% reporting, that is every society reporting to the district secretary.

7. That we continue to strive for 100% use of the goal chart, that is every society using the goal chart.

8. That we continue to strive 100% societies, that is every member of the church a member of the Woman's Society.

9. That each society, for its own use, use the check sheet of progress in the February Advance Clipper.

PROMOTION DEPARTMENT - STATISTICAL REPORT

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Promotion Secretary

Districts	Number of Societies	Total Membership W. S. C. S.	Number of Guilds	Total Membership	Dis. Per Capita Giving on Pledge W. S. C. S.	Dis. Per Capita Giving on Pledge to W. S. G.	Total Giving WSCS & WSG
Alexandria	31	1,117	8	169	\$4.78	\$4.93	\$ 5.91
Baton Rouge	48	1,462	8	162	6.49	6.99	8.75
Lake Charles	38	1,683	15	293	4.98	4.40	6.41
Monroe	38	1,419	11	324	6.54	3.63	7.47
New Orleans	29	1,174	6	131	6.91	5.70	3.59
Ruston	36	1,365	8	199	5.65	5.27	6.94
Shreveport	40	1,880	10	175	7.54	3.75	13.13
TOTAL	260	10,100	66	1,443	\$6.17	\$4.94	\$ 8.35
CONFERENCE AVERAGE							

FINANCIAL REPORT—1948

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New Orleans	7,898.00	8,857.47	9,154.41	11,219.84
Ruston	7,651.00	8,770.04	9,078.93	10,862.57
Shreveport	13,235.00	14,844.31	15,204.17	26,997.36
	\$55,507.50	\$69,340.93	\$72,188.62	\$96,538.40

HOME PROJECTS, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE--1948.

Bureau of Town and Country--National

NAME:

SUPPORTING SOCIETY:

ADDRESS:

MacDonell French Mission School, 120 Scholarships	Louisiana WSCS and WSG	Houma, La.
Migrant Work	\$ 20.00	Carrollton Ave., New Orleans
Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Worker	La. WSCS & WSG, Board of Education	Shreveport, La.
Miss Wilenenia Hooper	Shreveport District	Dulac, La.

BUUREAU OF EDUCATION--National

1. La. Polytechnic Institute, work opened 1941
 - Miss Lucille Pierce, Student Counselor
 - Northwestern State College, Work opened 1939
 - Miss Margery Bynum, Student Counselor
 - Peck Hall, Cooperative with Gilbert Academy
 - Founded 1889, Dorothy Lamb, Head Resident
 - Gilbert Academy Mrs. Annabelle Dutton, Principal
 - Sager Brown Home and Godman School, Founded 1921, Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, Sup't.
 - Southwestern La. Institute, Work opened 1940
 - Miss Pearlle Mae Kelly, Student Counselor
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| Louisiana W. S. C. S., Local Church | Ruston |
| Louisiana W. S. C. S. | Natchitoches |
| W. D. C. S. | New Orleans |
| W. D. C. S. | New Orleans |
| La. W. S. C. S., W. S. G. and Local Church Baldwin | |
| W. D. C. S. | Lafayette |

BUUREAU OF URBAN WORK--National

1. People's Community Center
 - Miss Dorothea King, Nursery Teacher
 - St. Marks Community Center,
 - Miss Fae Daves, Head Resident
- | | |
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| Louisiana W. S. C. S., W. S. G. | New Orleans |
| N. O. Dist., W. D. C. S. | New Orleans |

BUUREAU OF SOCIAL WORK--National

1. Business Girl's Inn, Founded 1928
 - Mrs. Mary Freeman, Head Resident
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| Shreveport District | Shreveport |
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FOREIGN PROJECTS

China

Soochow

General Hospital, Pineville W. S. C. S.	\$ 50.00
Davidson School, Scholarship, First Church, W. S. C. S., Monroe	115.00

Huchow

Bible Woman, Rayne Memorial Ch., WSCS, New Orleans	120.00
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Korea

Songdo

Holston Institute, Scholarship, First Church, W. S. C. S., Monroe	115.00
Bible Woman, Noel Memorial Ch., WSCS, Shreveport	120.00

India

Madras

Velore Medical College, Hammond W. S. C. S.	100.00
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Badaun

Siglers Girls' School, Jennings W. S. C. S.	15.00
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Lucknow

Isabella Thoburn College Miss Alexa McCain, Missionary, La. WSCS	\$1,500.00
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Africa

Rodesia

Myadiri—Miss Elma Ashby, R. N., La. WSCS and WSG	1,500.00
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Cuba

Matanza

Colegio Irene Toland, Scholarship, Winnfield WSCS	50.00
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Mexico

Monterrey

Institute Laurens Scholarship, Rayne Mem. WSCS	10.00
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MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. Sam Dunbar

Missionary Education is a reality when changes are effected in the attitudes and actions of women in local Woman's Societies of Christian Service. We, as secretaries of Missionary Education, hope to create a "mind for missions" among the women of Methodism.

One of our efforts to create a "mind for missions" was our School of Missions held in co-operation with Pastors' School at Centenary College. In 1947 there were 23 enrolled, 17 credits given and one approved study taught at the School of Missions. In 1948, there were 69 enrolled, 64 credits given, and two studies taught. District Secretaries of Missionary Education, Christian Social Relations and Youth Work were subsidized by the Districts and the Conference to attend this school. It has resulted in better approved study classes throughout the Conference and an increase in S. J. R.'s, from 69 to 82, and in other types of classes. DeRidder Society, with 7 S. J. R.'s, was outstanding in 1948. They have done remarkable work.

There were eight Seminars held in the Districts in September. There was an increase in attendance, in the number of societies represented and in interest. Our goal in 1949 is for every Secretary of Missionary Education to be present at her Seminar with instructions from her society to purchase the necessary materials for study during the year.

We feel that societies do not have an understanding of the requirements for Efficiency classes in approved studies; therefore, we have furnished the District Secretaries of Missionary Education with report blanks and credit cards for Efficiency studies, hoping thereby

to stimulate interest in this type of class work.

Never at any time in the world's history has the promotion of the missionary cause had such significance. With marvelous beginnings in a big and scattered world, the opportunities today press upon us with urgency to "Advance" in this moment of opportunity in a world grown small where we begin to rub elbows.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

We recommend:

I. That district and local secretaries interpret and clarify the use and understanding of Jurisdiction Recognition and Efficiency Standards for study classes to the societies.

II. That emphasis be placed on the effective use and presentation of the regular monthly program and worship materials as **basic** in Missionary Education and that district secretaries give help in the local societies where there is greatest need.

III. That local secretaries assist in creating a church-wide awareness of the program of Missionary Education, giving guidance as to how these plans may be carried out in local churches and that local secretaries actively participate in church-wide studies and Schools of Missions.

IV. That Missionary Education secretaries evaluate the motives for urging study classes with a view to improving the caliber of study rather than the credit to be earned, and demonstrate how the improved study courses are an important means to a growing world vision and a developing of Christian life. Attendance at the School of Missions will aid materially in achieving this.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait

"All Action is Local" is to be a key expression in the forthcoming year for Christian Social Relation work. The truth of these words has already been discovered and put into practice by the Women's Societies of Christian Service in Louisiana. Because of the excellent training given in previous years, the work has gone forward in a way that has been thrilling to a new Conference Secretary.

Besides the Local Church Activities of many varieties that are a blessing and a boon to pastors everywhere, the women have observed all the Special Days, many in unusual ways. On Family Day, one society provided a new Communion Table, dedicated to nine sons who had given their lives in World War II. When the World Council met in Amsterdam on its first day, one society had their church bells rung once an hour. During United Nations week, one society had the local movies show special shorts, Civic Clubs and schools have special U. N. programs.

Legislation in the state was followed during the last session and protests were made concerning the removal of Civil Service from state offices. The so-called Beer Bill No. 284 was vigorously protested. One society contacted fifty legislators on this alone. Also, along the line of alcohol and its evils, societies have seen to it that the legal closing hours have been observed in their towns, and one society sent representatives to the Mayor, asking him to curb boot-legging,

with the result that a deputy was appointed and more law enforcement was observed.

The Displaced Persons project which we have undertaken, is a major one and will continue to be. Homes and employment for at least eight have been found so far. Co-operation has been given all types of Community Agencies, and many services have been performed for and with them, as well as for the community itself.

The study, "The Bible and Human Rights" has been most effective. Greater than ever has been the understanding and co-operation given the Negroes in our midst, both in their churches and recreational centers. In Shreveport, the setting up of a new one was completed, and in Homer plans have been laid in co-operation with the City Council and the School Board, for the establishment of a three acre park and playground for Negroes. Also from that study came "a new awareness of our responsibilities along with our freedoms", and a new understanding of how easily the rights of many of our people can be curtailed.

Miss Sue Batton has been the splendid leader of C. S. R. in the Wesleyan Service Guilds. She reports, "The Guilds are doing a wonderful work in the way of sending clothing overseas, supporting some missionary in a foreign country, supporting missions here, taking care of orphans, doing a lot of local church activities, as assisting in suppers, taking census, and study courses, etc."

It has been the high privilege and joy of the Conference Secretary to attend Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions, Pastor's School, and more recently the Churchmen's Seminar in Washington, D. C., all of which have contributed to the personal growth and vision needed to lead the splendid group of women in Louisiana who are working so untiringly for Christ and His Church.

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait

1949 RECOMMENDATIONS CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

We recommend:

I. That active support be given to the Children's International Emergency Fund of the United Nations, working under the guidance of the Department of C. S. R. and L. C. A.

II. That members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service co-operate in local church and community efforts to resettle Displaced Persons in their Communities. (Information and forms may be had from the Conference Secretary of C. S. R.)

III. We recognize the urgent need for women to mold an intelligent public opinion favorable to the United Nations, therefore we recommend that U. N. Information Centers for local groups be set up under the guidance of C. S. R. Secretaries, following suggestions in the "Information and Action Bulletin."

IV. That Methodist women find ways to make the local church the center of Christian fellowship for families and individuals through more adequate opportunities for social, recreational and cultural activities.

V. Greater public understanding is essential if a national tax policy is to be developed which would check inflation and reduce our national debt, without sacrificing our social welfare and foreign assistance programs. We therefore recommend:

That members of the Woman's Society study the use of the tax dollar for national defense, domestic services, and foreign aid, and the fairest distribution of the tax burden, along with

the use of the regular reports of the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

VI. Support of legislation prohibiting advertising which suggests, directly or indirectly, that alcoholic beverages are beneficial to health or social prestige, or are a part of American home life.

VII. Urge that careful study and thought be given to each item of legislation approved by the Woman's Division in December, 1948. We recommend active support of the total program.

VIII. That Community self-surveys be used more widely by local groups with special attention to problems of human relations in the Community, such as housing, health, education, employment, etc.

IX. That we adopt the following goals for 1949:

1. Every society reporting every quarter.
2. Every society having an active Christian Social Relations Committee.
3. Every local Secretary attending an Officers Training Day, District, or Conference meeting, and other conferences for special training in ways of promoting the "Advance".
4. Every Methodist Woman a registered voter.
5. Every society sending coupons to Memorial Mercy Home, 815 Washington Ave., New Orleans, La

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS—FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Received from Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, March, 1948	\$ 9 60
Conference Treasurer	50.00
Conference Treasurer	100.00

TOTAL **\$159.63**

Disbursements

Postage for Conference and District Secretaries	\$33.38
Stationery for above	19.67
Telephone and Telegrams (To Legislators)	19.72
Mimeographing and Typing	8.40
Literature and Findings	4 55
Membership and Subscriptions:	
Information Service	2.50
Family Relations	5.00
Federation for Social Action	5 00

TOTAL **\$98.22**

BALANCE JAN. 1, 1949 **\$61.38**

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke

The Secretary of Literature, has the challenging task of interesting the women of the church in the printed page.

Interest makes us seek information, when informed we become concerned, when concerned we act. Action is vital to the task of bringing the world to Christ.

Our literature brings to life our missionary work at home and abroad. Text books for mission study classes, spiritual life material, program and worship services, numerous handbooks and leaflets for the guidance of our officers.

We promote the *Evangelist Women*, which is a working manual for the local society and the *World Outlook*, the general missionary magazine of the church.

During the year, 1948, we have seen a gain in several phases of our work. A definite gain in the number of societies reporting. Third quarter, Lake Charles District was 100%. A noticeable increase in number of societies using Secretary of Literature on program committee and number using Annual Report. More societies this year have found the back page of the Methodist Woman and are taking advantage of it.

Your Secretary attended the School of Missions at Centenary College last September, attended one Study Seminar and taught one of the Mission Courses.

The District Secretaries have reported displays and sale of literature at all seminars. They also mailed a new Publications catalogue to every local Literature Secretary.

The Week of Prayer packet was mailed to every society in the State by the Conference Secretary.

The District Secretaries have worked very effectively with their new Conference Secretary this year, to the extent that every report came in on time and went on to Jurisdiction on time

Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke,
Conference Secretary,
Literature and Publications.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

1. That we enlist the aid of District Promotion Secretaries and local Presidents to see that a Secretary of Literature is elected in every Society. Those working under the Modified Plan see the new Guide, Page 59, Article 3.

2. That we attempt to reach the Advance goal of 33 1/3% increase in subscriptions to **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook**.

- (1) By intensifying our efforts to make every officer a subscriber to both magazines;
- (2) By urging every new member to subscribe;
- (3) By enlisting the pastor's aid in securing World Outlook subscribers among the church members;

3. That we further the use of our free literature by encouraging the local secretaries to distribute some free literature at least once a month.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. A. M. Freeman

"Who so loves a child loves not himself but God—
Who so helps a child brings the Kingdom of God."

—Norman Duncan

Through the love and help of our many children's workers throughout the state, the work of our Woman's Society of Christian Service among the children this year has been most gratifying. Let me speak to you for our local and district secretaries who have kept me in touch with the many activities that have taught our children in our local churches "ways of living which will draw children around the globe together in one family of God."

An outstanding feature of our year's work has been the excellent response to our additional sessions, when missionary units—**The Bible Goes Around the world, China and Puerto Rico**—have been studied. As outgrowths of these studies, our boys and girls through their regular offerings to World Service and the Children's Service Fund have helped to carry forward the work of the church around the world. In addition to these channels of sharing, our boys and girls have sent generous gifts of money to the Methodist Committee to

Overseas Relief, and have sent clothes, food and money directly to European children, as well as to our local missions at Houma, the Sager-Brown Home, the People's Community, St. Mark's Mission, Mother's Jewels and many others.

As we now enter into the Quadrennial Advance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service we enlist the close cooperation of each home, each church and community and of each of our children's workers in helping our boys and girls to grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE CONCERNING CHILDREN'S WORK

In its work with children and the service it seeks to render to them the Woman's Division works through its own channels and in co-operation with other boards and agencies of The Methodist Church. To help implement the work with children so that definite progress in it may be made, the following recommendations for 1949 were approved by the Woman's Division in its last annual meeting:

1. Because of our concern that, in the process of building a Christian world community, the importance of the missionary education of children and youth be stressed together with the missionary education of adults,

We recommend that each year in all jurisdiction and conference schools of the Woman's Society of Christian Service the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service of the jurisdiction or conference be requested to present to those attending the school the current missionary materials for use with children as well as those for use with adults. It is felt that there is a special need for the secretary indicated to assume this responsibility at such times as the jurisdiction or conference secretaries of children's work may not be present at the school.

2. Since it has been recognized that the secretary of children's work in the local church should be a worker in the children's division of the church school.

We recommend that the nominating committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service consult with the council of Children's Workers in the church school as to a nominee for the office of Secretary of Children's Work.

We also recommend that in a church where the Council of Children's Workers has not been organized, the nominating committee consult with the workers in the children's division of the church school as to a nominee for the office.

3. We recommend that in the fall of 1949 a definite place be given for the presentation of children's work in the educational seminars of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, following the study of this emphasis in the Jurisdiction Schools of Missions and Christian Service.

4. Because of our concern that the needs of 230 millions of children in Europe, the Middle, and Far East for food, clothing, shelter and medicine be met in the shortest possible time; and because the interest of people in nations all over the world must be aroused if these needs are to be met,

We recommend that the Department of Christian Social Relations give active support to the Children's International Emergency Fund of the United Nations; and that as plans for the Fund are worked out, the Department give guidance as to specific ways in which this support may be realized.

YOUTH WORK—Mrs. E. A. Sartor

"JESUS WAY—OUR WAY", the theme for the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the Advance program for the quadrennium, should bring to each adult and youth in the Louisiana Conference a challenge such as we have never before known.

The year began on a high note with the Cleveland Conference just ending and delegates returning to their places of service with a new vision of the need for establishing a World Community and strengthening the bonds of World Friendship if peace is ever to become a reality.

Many changes have come about in Youth Work this year. Your secretary has sent all available information concerning these changes direct to all local and district secretaries. A detailed report was made at the mid-year executive meeting.

It was a privilege to attend the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah in July where a departmental conference on Youth Work was held under the direction of Miss Helen Johnson and Mrs. L. E. Hoover, our Division and Jurisdiction Secretaries of Youth Work.

A copy of the minutes and outline used in these meetings were sent to all our district secretaries that they might know of the changes.

Progress in missionary education of Youth cannot be measured in figures but as we examine reports and note the activities developed by the commission on Missions and World Friendship, we feel that much has been accomplished through missionary programs, special groups using Missionary Education Movement materials, films, and a steady increase in giving to missions through Methodist Youth Fund as well as the numerous packages sent overseas. All these show an increased knowledge of the Missionary Program of the church. There is also an increase in number of Youth Secretaries elected although we have not yet reached the goal of one Youth Secretary in every local society.

Statistical Report

Commissions on Missions and World Friendship	61
Adult Adviser to Commission on Missions and World Friendship	57
Secretaries of Youth Work acting as advisers	16
Using Missionary Education Movement Materials	26

Intermediate Department

Missionary Education Advisers	41
World Friendship Committees	25
Missionary Units	54

Schools of Missions in which Youth participated	18
World Friendship Groups of Girls in Youth Division	33
Using programs prepared for this group	15
Number of Youth Secretaries elected	156
Methodist Youth Fund sent through Conference Treasurer \$2,558.34	

Supplies sent to Institutions and Projects of the Woman's Division

Dulac Indian Mission, McDonnell School, Methodist Work in Poland, Sager-Brown, Peoples Community Center, Numerous packages of food and clothing sent overseas.

Mrs. E. A. Sartor

Conference Secretary of Youth Work

RECOMMENDATIONS—1949

1. LEADERSHIP A commission (or committee) on missions and world friendship, and a local secretary of youth work in every society.

2. **STUDY** A definite plan for use of mission study materials, and a World Friendship Group of Girls where practical to become acquainted with the work of the Woman's Society.

3. **GIVING** Every youth sharing in the Methodist Youth Fund; "World Service through Fourth Sunday offering and general church benevolences; and through the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief."

4. **PERSONNEL** The finest and ablest youth made acquainted with the needs and opportunities for mission service.

5. As secretaries of youth work while striving to carry out the recommendations of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, we shall cooperate in the Advance Program of the church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

STUDENT WORK—Mrs. W. E. Trice

It is with a real sense of pride that many Secretaries of Student Work come to the close of another year in the Louisiana Conference. The period just closed has seen more intensive work in the student field than any other previous time. Reports are showing that the women of the Church in larger numbers have had close contact with the total program of the Methodist Student Movement.

Through cultivation on the part of the District Secretaries, an increased number of local Secretaries made direct contact with the college campuses and student directors through use of the Student Introduction Card. Additional help was given the religious programs in the various schools because of the excellent support of the \$5.00 Plan. Student Recognition Day was observed more effectively in more churches than has ever been reported. Campus secretaries found that, in cooperation with the various directors of the Wesley Foundation, there were more opportunities for service than time to meet them. All secretaries found that students were eager to make contact with adult groups of the churches, once given an invitation to do so.

The Conference Secretary was glad of the privilege to be in sessions of the State Student Conference in the spring and again to meet for awhile with the Student Retreat at Camp Brewer before the opening of school. A broader vision of the scope of the work was afforded during the summer in an area meeting of students and workers at Norman, Oklahoma.

With all of these accomplishments, however, we remind ourselves at the beginning of a new year, that along with the rest of the Church, we must ADVANCE. With keener insight of the task before us comes a greater challenge of the larger field to serve.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SECRETARIES OF STUDENT WORK FOR 1949

We recommend:

First: That our Major emphasis for 1949 be in presenting the world's opportunities for students.

Second: That we present these opportunities as revealed by the Methodist program of Advance. The need for 1,000 new workers.

Third: That we cooperate with other agencies seeking to lay the challenges of life service on the minds and hearts of our young people.

Fourth: That we urge high school seniors to continue their study.

(a) Inform them about our Methodist Colleges and what they have to offer.

(b) Make available information concerning scholarships and loan funds.

Fifth: That an effort be made to provide some adequate religious

instruction in basic Christian thought and practice for high school seniors before they leave for college.

Sixth: That the 23,000 foreign students in our midst be of major concern.

Seventh: That stress be put on securing an active Student Secretary in every local society.

Eighth: That we continue to support the \$5.00 Plan.

SUPPLY WORK—Mrs. Lee Tidwell

Louisiana women led the South Central Jurisdiction in Supply Work, with per capita gifts of \$2.83. We are pleased with this report, yet there is still much to do. It is only through giving of our material possessions that we feel that we have a personal share in the ministering to human needs around the world.

SUPPLIES SENT TO HOME MISSION INSTITUTIONS

Value of gifts, cash, and new supplies plus postage

	W. S. C. S.	W. S. G.	Youth	Children
MacDonell, French Mission	\$ 1,641.30	\$ 90.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 24.05
St. Mark's Community Center	1,156.86	6.00		
Peoples' Community Center	1,349.96	15.40	4.00	
Sager Brown Home	1,381.79	11.40	2.00	56.65
Business Girls' Inn	14,330.18	74.95		
Peck Hall	513.87	6.50		
Rural Work	492.55	5.40		1.60
Dulac Indians	57.00	25.00	2.00	
Mothers' Jewels Home	328.93	1.50		7.75
Navajo Methodist Mission	28.56		20.70	4.80
Scarritt	17.50			
Jess Lee Home, Alaska	24.04			
Puerto Rico	6.50			
Susannah Wesley Home, T. H.	142.79			
Rose Gregory Huchen Settlement	2.50			
Marcy Center		75.00		
Brewster Hospital		32.50		
Seward Hospital		96.66		
Vashti		35.50		
Aldersgate		9.35		
Home, Undesignated	256.00	27.25		
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	\$21,730.33	\$512.41	\$30.70	\$ 97.78
Total sent Home Missions Institutions—	\$22,340.52			

FOREIGN
All Districts—China
HOME
SUPPLIES SENT TO FOREIGN MISSION INSTITUTIONS

	W. S. C. S.	W. S. G.	Youth	Children
China	\$ 233.61	\$ 58.85	\$37 08	\$ 40.00
Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia	260.08	7.25		
American Girls' School, Bulgaria	153.70			10.00
Poland	838.84	4.00		10.00
Korea	352.03			
Philippines	350.23			216.00
Eden Home, P. I.	501.56			
Japan	554.83			10.65
India	66.75			
Malaya, Methodist Girls' School	10.63			
Burma	13.25			
Vellore Medical		100.00		
International Journal		1.25		
Belgian Congo				1.60
Foreign, Undesignated	380.28			
Love Offering (Conference)	1,108.66			
Sacrificial Meals (Local)	525.40			

	\$ 5,849.84	\$201.40	\$37.08	\$288.25
Total sent Foreign Mission Institutions—	\$ 6,376.57			
Ministerial Supplies	119.78			
Grand Total (Home, Foreign and Ministerial)	\$28,836.87			
Number of used garments sent				10,017
Number of used books and magazines				2,282
Number of societies achieving special recognition for 1948-49				104

Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Secretary of Supply Work

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPLY WORK—1949-50

We recommend:

1. That each society strive to do some home and some foreign supply work each quarter.
2. That each society which did supply work in 1948 show an increase during 1949-50 as a part in the Advance Program
3. That societies stand ready to answer any emergency supply calls as the needs arise.
4. That societies continue to send boxes of supplies to our foreign institutions and to those in our Louisiana Conference, which follow:
Business Girls Inn, 814 Cotton St., Shreveport, La.
St. Marks Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans
MacDonell French Mission, Box 270, Houma, La.
Peoples Community Center, 2009 Loyola, New Orleans, La.
Peck Hall, 5323 Pitt St., New Orleans, La.
Sager Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin, La.
Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Centenary Station, Shreveport, La.
5. That societies observe the following schedule in sending cash supplies to the District Treasurer:

FOREIGN
All Districts — China

HOME

Districts	Quarter Ending August 31, 1949	Quarter Ending Nov. 30, 1949	Quarter Ending Feb. 28, 1950	Quarter Ending May 30, 1950
Alexandria	St. Mark's Sager Brown	Peoples' Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell School Business Girls' Inn	Business Girls' Inn Peck Hall
Baton Rouge	St. Mark's Sager Brown	Peoples' Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell School Peck Hall	Business Girls' Inn Peck Hall
Lake Charles	MacDonell School Peoples' Community Center	Business Girls' Inn Peck Hall	St. Mark's Sager Brown	Peoples' Community Center Rural Work
Monroe	Peoples' Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell School	Business Girls' Inn Peck Hall	St. Mark's Sager Brown
New Orleans	MacDonell School Rural Work	Business Girls' Inn Peck Hall	St. Mark's Sager Brown	Peoples' Community Center Rural Work
Ruston	Business Girls' Inn Peck Hall	St. Mark's Sager Brown	Peoples' Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell School Sager Brown
Shreveport	Business Girls' Inn Peck Hall	St. Mark's Sager Brown	Peoples' Community Center Rural Work	MacDonell School St. Mark's

SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION—Mrs. Guy Hicks

"And Jesus increased (grew) in wisdom . . . and in stature . . . and in favor with God . . . and man."

Spiritual Growth was the theme of our Bible study and the basic goal of our spiritual life cultivation efforts for 1948. Let us take some spiritual measurements as we look back over the year's records and let us ask ourselves the question: "How much growing did our society do—how much did we do?"

1. **We have grown in wisdom:** Bible study on the increase; "Great Prayers of the Bible" and "Newness of Life" helpful. Special studies on Prayer, Our Church, Stewardship, etc.; Large increase in book shelves or libraries of devotional books; Careful study preparation in seminars, district and zone meetings, Christian workers' Training School. Wide use of S. L. C. packets and work kits; handbooks, leaflets, periodicals, program worship material. Devotional literature placed in public places, hospital, etc.

2. **We have grown in stature:** 241 spiritual life cultivation secretaries with 150 active committees, 162 serve on program committees and 119 cooperate in evangelism. Nearly all S. L. C. secretaries are assisting in Advance membership drive and other aims.

3. **We have grown in favor with God:** Better worship programs and sacred worship centers. 114 prayer groups and more than 2000 women enrolled in Fellowship or Intercession. Fine cooperation in World Day Prayer; 211 societies use worship material, envelopes, etc., in Week of Prayer; Increase in personal quiet time and family worship. Lenten and other day apart services; World Communion Day; World Community Day and many other times of special worship. Improved reverence in church services.

4. **We have grown in favor with man:** Sacrificial meals and love gifts; interdenominational cooperation; 135 societies report spiritual ministry to shut-ins and other needy groups; Cooperation with G. S. R. in studies and projects. Stewardship promotion, Assistance to pastor in entire work of church. Assistance to youth and student groups and children's groups.

Yes, we have grown some, but **not enough**. Let us follow more devotedly the wonderful bible injunction to "grow in grace".

Mrs. Guy M. Hicks

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Realizing the great need for undergirding the entire program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild with spiritual power, the following recommendations are submitted:

1. That every member of the W. S. C. S. and the Guild be urged to include in her daily quiet time **define prayer for the four-point program of the Advance**; for the objectives found of the Fellowship of Intercession card for the missionary personnel as listed in the Prayer Calendar.

2. That the **sixth** day of each month (anniversary of the Day of Advance) be used as a time of special intercession for the Advance program by individuals and by prayer groups.

3. That there be stressed more than ever before the forming of small prayer groups beginning with prayer partners or groups of three to six congenial persons; to meet regularly, even weekly if possible; to leaven the whole society and the church with great **prayer power**.

4. That some form of daily family worship be urged in every Methodist home and a spirit of prayer and reverence in every church

service; that worship services be made **real times of worship** in our W. S. C. S. meetings.

5. That Christian Stewardship be presented by posters, announcements, brief stories and comments many times during the year—with emphasis on the **total dedication of self** to the Advance program.

6. That the Week of Prayer and Self Denial be observed by every Society and Guild, with use of the Quiet Day program and by genuine self denial; that the community-wide World Day of Prayer be participated in, or begun by our Methodist women where it is not being observed.

7. That a class or classes in the Annual Spiritual Life or Bible study be in every society or in the circles, with additional special studies on prayer or other needed subjects in the prayer groups.

8. That there be a wider reading of devotional books and leaflets and the placing of Upper room and other booklets in public places, railway and bus stations, beauty shops, doctors' offices, hospitals, college dormitories, etc.

9. That the Spiritual Life committee cooperate with the pastor in all phases of evangelism.

10. That special spiritual ministry to shut-ins or other persons in need of such personal, loving care be emphasized.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL REPORT

The church has officially declared in the discipline "The Supreme aim of Missions is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands as their Divine Savior". It is He and He alone whom we have to offer to a lost world. We must advance His Cross around the World.

Missions offer opportunities to express God's will in and through one's Vocation. This is the big reason why Ministers, Missionaries and Deaconesses wouldn't trade their work for any other in the world, for only Christian work allows one to spend all one's talents and efforts for God.

The Goal set for this Advance Quadrennium for each Conference is based upon membership; one for each thousand members of our Woman's Society of Christian Service in Louisiana. We were asked to find eleven young people for full time Christian Service, fine enough to be accepted by the Candidates Committee, and to send one this first year.

Our first Missionary is Miss Alexia McCain of Shreveport. She was consecrated at Buck Hill Falls at the December meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and sailed for India in February 1949. She is to teach English at our Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India.

Can Louisiana Women inspire ten young people or more to give their lives to full time Christian Service? Can we inspire young people to be aggressive for Christ? When asked in questionnaires who influenced them most, young people usually answer "MY MOTHER". This is a wonderful challenge to Christian Motherhood.

How can we Local Women of our Local Churches find Missionaries and Deaconesses? Here are some TEST QUESTIONS we can ask consecrated young Christians. We can ask, "Do you long to find work into which you can throw yourself, mind, heart and strength—literally losing yourself in working to help people?"

"Is your love of God through Faith in Jesus Christ, the motive which impels you toward service to people?"

"Do you believe that FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST as a personal Savior is the leaven which will grow from one heart to another,

through the frame work of evangelism, education and medical missions?"

Last year 50 young people were sent to Japan and Korea—the J-3's and K-3's. They are doing a marvelous job at this 3 year Missions Project. This year, the plan is to send 50 to INDIA, ages ranging from 21-28 years, only college graduates eligible. Those accepted will have specialized training this summer and sail this fall and winter. What a wonderful opportunity to give three years of life to God. We call these young people the shock troops that we are throwing into these countries to influence the youths of those countries toward right thinking—CHRISTIAN THINKING. Write Dept. of Missionary Personnel, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y., to make application.

Ask your Minister to preach several Missionary Sermons a year. Ask him to let you see his copy of "METHODIST SERVICE PROJECTS 1949", and show it to young people. There are many jobs available now. For a business woman under 35 years of age opportunity comes to serve as Business Manager for a Hospital in Kolar, India. Africa wants to build a hostel and needs a woman who can supervise the building and teach girls. Brazil needs five Home Economics Teachers immediately. There is constant need for TEACHERS, PREACHERS, DOCTORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AGRICULTURALISTS.

Phillips Brooks has said, "It does not take great men to do great things. It only takes consecrated men".

As this goes to press, two more young women of Louisiana have been accepted by the Candidates Committee. One has been assigned to a Louisiana Study Grant to attend Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, the other will soon sail for Brazil to teach Home Economics.

"Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest that He will send laborers to the harvest.

Mrs. C. I. Jones

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. C. I. Jones

The Missionary Personnel Committee recommends that:

1. The Conference shall emphasize securing prospective candidates who can meet the requirements for service in the Woman's Division because educational grants secured by the Conference can be used only for approved candidates for specialized training.

2. District Secretaries of Missionary Personnel shall be elected in all Districts of the Conference, whose duties shall be to create an interest in full-time Christian Service. They shall especially cultivate the young people of high school age, and set up a card index system in order to keep accurate records.

3. We emphasize the importance of an active Missionary Personnel Committee in the local church with the responsibility to "create an interest in the need for missionaries and deaconesses, and present information concerning qualifications and procedures." (By-laws, Article IV, Section II), and channel names of college life service volunteers to the conference Missionary Personnel Secretary and high school names to the district Missionary Personnel Secretary.

4. The goal for our Conference shall be one new missionary or deaconess for every one thousand members for this quadrennium: one before June 1, 1949, and three or four each year until June 1, 1952, based on our 1948 membership of 11,152 which includes all Wesleyan Service Guilds in Louisiana.

5. The Conference Missionary Personnel Secretary shall contact Wesley Foundations and Methodist Student Movements on every campus in the Conference urging the use of speakers to present the need for 1,000 new workers during the quadrennium.

6. The Conference president shall recommend to the chairman of the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations that the Conference Missionary Personnel Secretary be a member of the Commission. (Discipline No. 643).

7. The Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel shall contact Deans of Senior and Intermediate camps to ask for names of life service volunteers.

8. The Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel shall build up a library of catalogues of colleges within the conference which offer scholarships to students planning to enter Christian Service.

9. The Conference should have a Youth Night at the annual meeting where the need for Missionary Personnel shall be present.

10. The Conference Secretary shall send two to four letters yearly to the District Secretaries of Missionary Personnel who will channel the information to the Local Committees in the Local Churches.

I am thrilled to report that Miss Alexis Smith of Shreveport was consecrated at the December meeting of the Division at Buck Hill Falls and sailed in February for India as the first missionary from the Louisiana Conference for the quadrennium.

Mrs. C. I. Jones

STATUS OF WOMEN

Mrs. Ira Campbell

Recommendations for Status of Women

Believing that the Secretaries of Status of Women have a heavy responsibility in promoting the program of Advance we recommend:

1. That each local Society elect an interested Secretary of Status of Women whose committee shall be composed of one member from each circle.

2. That the Secretary of Status of Women be a member of the Program and also the Nominating Committees of the Local Society.

3. That each Secretary prepare a "Responsibility List" (names of women of the church and community not members of any woman's church group.)

4. That at least one full program during the year be devoted to the Status of Women.

5. That during the year at least one qualified woman be nominated to a general board or committee of the local church.

6. That each local Society purchase through Literature Headquarters the findings of the Woman's meeting at Baarn, Holland, the report called "Life and Work and Women in the Church", and make these reports available to all members of the society.

7. That a systematic program of visitation be put into effect including shut-ins whose prayers should be a support for the total program.

8. That under all of these plans the motto: "Ask God To Go With You" be used.

Mrs. Ira Campbell

REPORT OF STATUS OF WOMEN

The Secretaries of Status of Women have a great responsibility and opportunity in the Program of Advance. The first of the Four Points, that of every Methodist woman a member of W. S. C. S. or Guild is a district challenge.

There is still the urgent need for all societies to elect this officer in order that this phase of the work can be carried on. Not all Societies do this—even some of our best ones have no Secretaries of Status of women.

The systematic program of personal visitation led by this Secretary is one of the most important steps in our entire program for the coming year.

It is our firm conviction that the improvement of the Status of Women within the world is part of the movement to improve the status of minority, social, economic and racial groups everywhere, thus working for a more peaceful world. No woman can afford to take this responsibility lightly.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Miss Grace M. Lawson

Guild members of the Louisiana Conference—more than 1,448 of them—are moving into the Quadrennium of Advance with enthusiastic plans.

We held our second Conference Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer on July 16-17, 1948 with 59 persons present and six districts represented.

Our guest at this meeting was Miss Helen Schumaker of the Central Kansas Conference: who made a valuable contribution to the program. We are also deeply indebted to Mrs. Guy M. Hicks, Dr. Roy L. Scales, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Thompson for contributions to our program.

Alexandria was hostess to the Conference Guild Committee in November. At that time we welcomed into our group Miss Fannie Burch, newly elected Guild Secretary of the Baton Rouge District.

We are happy to have Mrs. Ira Campbell and Mrs. C. I. Jones as members of the Conference Guild Committee, and we wish to express appreciation to Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick for her untiring efforts in our behalf for the past six years.

Our third annual Conference Guild week-end will be held at Camp Brewer probably the last week in July. At that time the representatives from the 71 Guilds will elect a new Conference Guild Secretary who will be approved and installed with other Conference officers next spring.

The Alexandria, Lake Charles, New Orleans and Shreveport Districts will hold elections for District Guild Secretaries this spring or summer.

For the second consecutive year the Louisiana Conference Guilds ranked second in the Jurisdiction in giving to missions.

We covet your continued cooperation and prayers as we go forward together in the Quadrennium of Advance for Christ and His Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace M. Lawson.
Conference Guild Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Advance Program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service be the Advance Program of the Wesleyan Service Guild, with the following Guild Goals for the four points:

A. Membership. The Guild accept 33 1/3% of the Conference membership goal as its responsibility.

B. Every Guild member "studying, giving, building, praying".
Thirty-three and one-third percent increase in subscrip-

tions to the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook. One more study class each year (up to four).

C. (330 Guild Missionaries). One Guild missionary each year from each conference.

D. 33 1/3 percent increase in giving for the first and second years. (Total financial goal as worked out by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.)

2. That the Guild cooperate in both the "responsibility lists" and the visitation plans by "Advance Caravans," in the Spring of 1949, which means visiting each unit, or following the plans of the Woman's Society within each conference.

Louisiana Conference

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD COMMITTEE

Alexandria, Louisiana

Saturday and Sunday, November 20, 21, 1948

Opening Session of the Conference Guild Committee was held in the Y. W. C. A. in Alexandria, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Guild Secretary, who introduced Miss Helen Adams. Miss Adams chose for her devotional theme, "Worship".

All seven district secretaries were present, including Mrs. Doris McDonald of Lake Providence, Monroe District, who has previously been unable to meet with the Committee and Miss Fannie Burch of Amite, Baton Rouge District, newly elected secretary of that District. Others present were Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Conference Deaconess, and Mrs. Brown, member of the Lake Providence W. S. C. S. and local Guild co-ordinator.

Miss Lawson called the roll for each District and the secretaries reported as follows: Alexandria District, 8 active Guilds; held no district meeting; Baton Rouge District, 10 active Guilds, held District meeting in October, 1948; Lake Charles District, 15 active Guilds, held 3 zone meeting; Monroe District, 11 active Guilds, held district meeting; New Orleans District, 6 active Guilds, held district meeting; Ruston District, 8 active Guilds, held no district meeting; Shreveport District, 9 active Guilds, held district meeting.

Miss Cleo Brasher announced the tentative program for the opening day of the W. S. C. S. Spring Conference to be held in Alexandria on March 22, 1949. The theme of the Conference will be "Advancing with His Cross". The first session of the day will be under the leadership of Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Division Secretary of Spiritual Life. The dinner on the opening night will feature the W. S. G. with Miss Cleo Brasher acting as Toast-Mistress. The speaker for the occasion will be Miss Virginia Kilpatrick. At the evening meeting following the dinner Mrs. F. G. Brooks, formerly Chairman of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division, newly elected president of the Woman's Division, will be the platform speaker. Wesleyan Service Guild members have been asked to cooperate with the W. S. C. S. members who are planning the events of this day, and the Conference Guild Committee urges that all Guild members make special efforts to be present for as much of the day's program as possible.

Session adjourned with prayer led by Miss Fannie Burch.

Evening Session

The evening session opened with a preview of some slides featuring Woman's Division and Board of Missions projects in Louisiana.

These films are being prepared by Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Miss Dorothy Dunbar, president of the Opelousas Guild. They hope to have them available soon for use in the local churches.

With Miss Lawson presiding, the committee discussed and evaluated the 1948 Conference Guild week-end and made tentative plans for the 1949 session which will be held at Camp Brewer late in July or early in August. The plans include workshops on program planning, reports, supplies and finance. It is hoped that Mrs. Alma Riley, Jurisdiction Guild Secretary, will be one of the Workshop Leaders. Jurisdiction leaders to be chosen from W. S. C. S. and W. S. G. personnel.

Responsibilities for portions of the program were assigned as follows:

Saturday night Recreation—Opelousas Guild, Alexandria District.

Morning Watch—Miss Fannie Burch, Baton Rouge District.

Time Apart (Sunday Worship Service), Miss Mary Gladys Page, New Orleans District.

It was announced that the term of office for the following District Secretaries would expire in 1949:

Alexandria District

Lake Charles District

Shreveport District

New Orleans District

Of these only the secretary of the New Orleans District can stand for re-election. The election of the new secretaries should be held at a District meeting in 1949. It was suggested that these meetings be held prior to the Guild Week-end at Camp Brewer in order that the newly elected secretaries may meet with the Guild Committee and avail themselves of the training of the workshops. Out-going secretaries should be very careful to pass on all files and make any suggestions that they feel will be helpful to their successors.

Sunday Morning Session

Sunday morning session began at 9:00 A. M. and was opened with prayer led by Mrs. R. W. Smith.

With Miss Lawson presiding, a letter from Marion Lela Norris, Division Secretary, was read and special attention was called to the following changes in the by-laws:

1. The Guild is a distinctive part of the W. S. C. S. operating under its own By-laws.

2. The Guild Committee on the District, Conference and Jurisdiction levels should now include four members of the W. S. C. S.—the Secretary of Promotion and the Treasurer and two others to be elected by the Guild and approved by the Executive Committee of the W. S. C. S.

In the local Guild, the Promotion Secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service will work together to promote the "Advance Program".

3. With the increased emphasis on supply work it seemed wise to the Standing Committee to separate it from Recreation. If the local unit prefers to keep them together, at least for the time being, it is quite all right, but this is one way to give another Guild member an interesting chairmanship.

The W. S. C. S. representatives on the Conference Guild Committee are:

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Conference Secretary of Organization and Promotion.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference Treasurer.

Mrs. Ira Campbell, Conference Secretary of Committee on Status of Women.

The Guild Committee selected Mr. C. I. Jones, Conference Secretary of Missionary personnel to serve as the fourth member, subject to the approval of the W. S. C. S. Conference Executive Committee.

In response to a question regarding local Guild budgets, Miss Lawson stated that most Guild members prefer to make a total pledge which will cover all Guild expenses. In this case, at least two-thirds of the total amount pledged should be allocated for missions. The balance to be budgeted for other Guild expenses, including Cultivation, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, etc. The budget should be set up by the finance committee of the local Guild. The finance committee consists of the Guild president, treasurer and chairmen of the Missionary Education and Christian Social Relations and local church Activities. The chairman of the committee is the treasurer. Some Guilds prefer to pledge only for missions and to raise other funds by special activities.

After discussion the Guild Committee would like to recommend to local units that each year the outgoing officers hold an officers training class for incoming officers.

Communications regarding the "New Advance Program" from Miss Marion Lela Norris and Mrs. Ira Campbell were read and discussed. The following is an excerpt from Mrs. Campbell's letter:

"I had wanted to tell you of the thrilling challenge of the 'New Advance Program.' Methodist people believe that the only way to have peace is to evangelize the world. This great advance is for the next four years, but the need is now. One of the objectives of the Advance Program is one thousand new missionaries. Our Conference is to be responsible for at least ten (one by June, 1949). Any person who has a college degree may volunteer and after six weeks intensive training may serve for three years under the new plan. The need is urgent for teachers, dieticians, secretaries, nurses, etc. The Guild can help toward this goal by pointing out the challenge to its members who in most cases are already prepared."

If there is someone in your Guild or your church who is interested in this challenge, please submit her name to Mrs. C. I. Jones, 6215 St. Charles St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Local Guild Presidents are urged to contact the W. S. C. S. president or program chairman and cooperate with them in making plans for the Day of Advance, January 6, 1949.

The meeting was adjourned in order that the members of the Guild Committee might attend worship service at the First Methodist church.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE RURAL WORK

Miss Elizabeth Thompson

Since our last annual meeting, it has been my privilege to visit in forty (40) local churches in a number of instances. There were many return trips. Visits were made to nineteen (19) other communities in the interest of the work. I have been present at twelve (12) meetings or conferences on district or zone levels, and eight (8) Conference-wide meetings or planning conferences and four (4) conferences outside the state.

In almost every instance, an opportunity was given to participate in these groups. Some of the activities in local groups included: (1) eight leadership training classes taught; (2) summer extension work in four communities—with the help of Marzette Stephens, now of Scarritt, and Joyce Dunford of Winnfield; (3) four societies organized or re-organized; (4) use of literature of W. S. C. S. and Church School especially adapted for small churches interpreted and promoted; (5) opportunities for full time service presented both in for-

mal groups and in face-to-face conversations; (16) survey made in a Parish in the interest of further work.

These are some of the many and varied calls from local churches.

Activities on a broader basis have ranged from serving on the Nominating Committee of the Associated Farm Women at the State Farm Bureau Convention, acting as secretary and treasurer of the Social Welfare Conference, Region 1, and working on a committee to set up a Social Action Workshop across Jurisdiction lines within the state. In each instance, the health and general welfare of all the peoples of the state have been our concern.

The greatest single help this year has been the use of projector and screen given by The Smith-Wesley Class of Noel Memorial church. Slides have been used for worship, missionary education work of the W. S. C. S. and guilds, and in teaching Church School techniques.

Because it is essential for a rural worker to promote the total program of the church, and because it is true that "a picture is worth a thousand words," a set of slides on the work within our Conference is being prepared. Many people are contributing to the success of the pictures, especially Dorothy Dunbar, President of the Opelousas Guild, and Webb Pomeroy, Conference Youth Director.

These slides are being made within the framework of the four goals of the Advance of the Division. Even before completion, they are being used for Women's Division Week at Scarritt in the recruitment program. Early in the summer, they will be available for local church use. It has been possible to take them because of supply giving to rural work this past year.

Space for news of rural work is allotted monthly in **The Christian Education Bulletin**. As you read of the various activities, I trust that you will continue to undergird this phase of your work with your interest and prayers.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

New Orleans, Louisiana

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Rev. R. H. Jamieson	Pastor of Church

(March, 1949)

For the 25th consecutive year St. Mark's, in its present location, has ministered to the people of the "Vieux Carre," a community composed of many nationalities; according to the latest statistics 76% Catholic; and correctly described as "underprivileged." Because of the divergence of elements it is not a community in the sense of being homogeneous. True, some families have lived here for generations but more are transient. Destructive forces which contribute to family breakdown and delinquency are strong. With taverns on every side, drunkenness is very common. "Drink broke up our home; my father left us," remarked one teen-age girl bitterly one day when this

problem was being discussed. Instances such as this could be multiplied.

In such surroundings the Board and Staff of St. Mark's, with the full co-operation of the church, is trying to maintain a center which radiates friendship and understanding. The program is person centered and planned to contribute to the mental, physical, social and spiritual growth of the participants. For our young people we covet fullness of life, and the ability to become independent, productive citizens of our democracy. Only through a well planned program administered by competent, adequately trained Christian leaders can this be achieved. Herein lies the problem for it seems we never have an adequate staff.

Nevertheless with the help of volunteers and students the program goes on. An unduplicated count of members as of March 1st was 722; our monthly attendance for the past year ran from 3,200 to 4,500. The Child Care Center, now in its 3rd year, continues to provide day care for the children of working mothers. Our general program is planned for boys and girls 7 years of age and up. Some twenty groups, including Brownies, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Craft Clubs, Sewing Classes, Dramatic Club, Sorority, Gym Classes and Athletic Teams meet weekly. The Game Room is open afternoons and evenings. During eight months of the year swimming is a big part of the program. Of course there are many special events, too, which though satisfying and often spectacular, are not considered the most outstanding achievements. In a program such as ours, it is the day by day impact made upon the participants, the working together, playing together, the giving of assurance and guidance where needed, that really counts most, but it is difficult to measure. We have had a big athletic program this year under the leadership of one of our own boys who is now a competent member of our staff. A banquet at the end of the football season afforded an opportunity for fellowship with their parents. Another such gathering is planned for the close of the basketball season. Home calls and family night programs also help us keep in touch with the parents. At present we are running a Charm School for teen-age girls in which professional people are being brought in to discuss health, posture, beauty care, style, etc. Every effort is made to provide as varied a program as possible for all groups.

Last fall, shortly after I had come to St. Mark's, a little girl surprised me one day with the remark, "You're rich!" "Why, what do you mean?" I asked. "You take care of all the nice things here, don't you?" she replied. The riches of St. Mark's, I thought. What are they? Material things? Surely not. Are they not found rather in the realization that there are boys and girls, men and women, who are living fuller, better lives because of our ministry—a ministry made possible by your prayers and gifts.

Fae L. Daves, Head Resident

THE PEOPLES METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL REPORT

2009 Loyola Ave.

New Orleans 13, La.

When school opened in September, seventy-five children were enrolled into the Nursery, ages ranging from two years and nine months, to three and four years of age. Imagine the bewilderment which confronted them as they left the familiar background of their homes and entered a classroom for the first time. Naturally, the entire month of September was used to orient them to their new environment. The rooms were arranged to stimulate interest, as well as to give a feeling of security. Our equipment included low tables,

painted blue small chairs, a piano, blocks, a doll house—keeping furniture, picture books, magazines, wagons and plants, also modeling clay and crayola.

The early years are the most impressionable years of the child's life and therefore are of great importance in developing a sound physical, emotional and social foundation. When the child enters Nursery School, he meets the problem of adjustment to the group. We are aware of the fact that many children in first grade would not be maladjusted if they had attended a good Pre-School. Definitely, certain skills and attitudes can be learned efficiently at home.

Some of the health high lights of the year are: Before entering the school each child is inspected by the nurse. Encourage child to eat all of his food. Permit no dawdling at table. Insist on washing of face and hands before and after each meal and after toileting. Provide for sufficient rest and sleep. Training in use of handkerchief. Help children learn health habits through: Songs, games, nursery rhymes and Health Charts. Develop personal pride in care of clothes and in appearance.

One often is asked, "What do you teach them?" The answer is, "The Nursery School helps them to learn rather than teach them." The Nursery School Day is a day of experiences.

Reading skill is based on experience which gives word meaning. Story telling and looking at picture books lead to the discovery that the word under the picture tells something. All of the experience in the use of language for conversation, for enjoyment of stories and pictures make the child ready for the organized reading experiences which come later.

December was a very lively month because the purpose was to help two children understand and appreciate some of their Christian experiences. Throughout the month stories were told about "The First Christmas", "The Night Before Christmas", "Gift for Jesus", "The Three Christmas Toys" and "A Happy Surprise". Pictures were shown so that the class could associate them with the stories.

Musical experiences are plentiful throughout the Nursery day. They include singing, listening to the piano, phonograph, and Rhythm Band. Several hymns, nursery rhymes and singing have been learned.

Daily Art experience includes: Using paints, crayons, clay, sand and mud.

Religious training is given on Friday afternoon. Bible stories, verses and hymns are taught.

We love our work and feel that it is paying big dividends.

Rev. G. W. Carter, Superintendent
Mrs. Doratha King, Worker

THE MacDONELL FRENCH MISSION **School and Rural Work**

Continues to be a power for good in the French section of our State. Being complex and many-sided yet fitting into the needs of the varying situations so simply and naturally it is easily misjudged by the less discerning who, seeing but one or two facets, overlooking others less obvious, but vital, fail to get the simple power of the entire work.

The school is one of the better known aspects and it is fundamental. Here boys and girls from disadvantaged homes and communities come to spend from one to ten years. Most of them become up-standing Christian citizens. The establishment of Christian homes in this area by MacDonell trained young folk is an important contribution of the work.

The more obvious rural activities—services conducted, help rend-

ered rural churches, and so on—are important and effective; but inextricably a part of these, and over and above all, are streams of influence radiating from the campus to even the remotest isle and waterway of this bayou land, contributing to the spiritual uplift of even the simplest folk, and lifting the foundations of living throughout the area. The beauty of the campus, its well-kept simple dignity; the lovely buildings so appropriate to the setting; the profusion of good books, good music, good pictures; and, above all, the gracious Christian hospitality that prevails, make MacDonell a mecca for former pupils, for many rural folk who have never been pupils, and even guests from afar find here a spiritual uplift and refreshment that tends to renewed faith and zeal for the Master.

The spirit of Christ is in our midst, we feel the influence upon the lives of many and for this we express profoundest gratitude.

Ella K. Hooper

DULAC INDIAN WORK

17th Annual Report - 1948

The school enrollment stands at about 60—one teacher, grades 1 to 8. There is marked improvement in these children from year to year and a great improvement in the homes. Better health conditions prevail; this, together with better management, make for higher economic standards and, along with these material gains, one notes a distinct spiritual growth. But all of this is but a beginning. The great task in this upward climb of a disadvantaged people is ahead.

The church work goes hand in hand with the school and social service work. The early morning Sunday School and the evening Bible School are both well attended as are the church services conducted by the pastor twice a month. Special observances such as Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving are enriching and meaningful.

More recently we have been able to contact and help other communities of Indians and with the aid of Rev. A. M. Martin, a French teacher, give more effective gospel messages to the older folk. A large number are attracted by his messages.

Wilhelmina Hooper, teacher

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

Mrs. Mary E. Freeman

By the time this report reaches you, we will be in our lovely new home. We have patiently watched the erection of the building for a year and have thrilled with every development which brought it nearer completion. Now that it is completed, it is a beautiful dream come true.

The building committee, with Mrs. A. J. Peavy chairman, has been untiring in their efforts, and rendered a most magnificent service. The faith and courage of the women of our board cannot be surpassed anywhere.

The Victory luncheon sponsored by this committee in November, was a great success. Primarily, the purpose of it was to raise money to furnish the dining room and kitchen, but it also demonstrated the cooperative spirit of Protestants and Jews interested in the welfare of business girls in the city.

We greatly appreciate the gifts that have come through the Supply Department of the Conference for furnishings in the new home. So many societies over the state have participated in this great work. It has been a joy to have interested friends furnish a room as a Memorial to a loved one. Thirty rooms have been furnished in this way.

For so many years, we have regretted we could not take all girls who applied to us for entrance. We have said over and over, "We have no room." But now the outlook is brighter. Fifty-four girls will have the opportunity of enjoying a home away from home.

The life in the home has been about as usual for the past year. Some girls have left us, while others came to take their place. Some have married and established homes of their own.

Though girls are busy at their jobs during the day, evenings are spent sewing, laundering, shampooing, reading and playing. Recreation is a big part of the evening program. Good times together as a family have marked many calendar days.

There are times when we wonder what the influence of the home means to those who live here. Then one day we learn from one who comes to make us a visit. A few days ago, a girl who lived here several years ago visited us, bringing with her a fine husband and a five year old daughter. She is now happy in her own Christian home—and more appreciative of the days spent here. She said, "I can never forget what the home meant to me. The guidance and counsel given me during my high school and college days will always remain with me. I couldn't forget if I tried." Such expressions of gratitude makes my heart rejoice, and I give thanks for the opportunity of touching young lives.

REPORT OF SAGER-BROWN HOME

Baldwin, La.

Hello! So you want to know about Sager-Brown Home? Or is it that you know and would like to know more? Well, let's take a peek inside it's little community

Where is it? On Highway 90, pointing West to Baldwin, La. What is it? A big friendly home for children of broken homes or those who have no parents. What does it do for these children? It gives them love, comfort and care, and trains them socially, physically, spiritually, and mentally. How many children do we have presently? Thirty healthy happy boys and girls who work, play, and study.

Did I say work? Surely, girls learn to wash, iron, sew, and cook. You should see the pride they take in cleaning and keeping their rooms neatly put. The boys garden, care for the cattle and poultry, and help keep their cottage clean. This is a part of the training in the home, AND . . . there is Religious training—learning Bible verses which are said every morning at breakfast except Sunday. At this time Devotions are read. These Bible verses are taught by the Matrons. One of the most touching scenes is at bedtime when all the little ones kneel at their matrons' knees and pray—then off to bed they go.

The home children go to Godman School on the grounds as do many of the community children. Both larger boys and girls study for one hour nightly in a supervised study hall. The theatre is attended once weekly. Church and church school are attended as a must, but the children love to go, especially to YOUTH FELLOWSHIP to which they all belong. They help plan the activities in this organization.

Now: let's peek at Godman School! It is a Junior High with six teachers. The high school boys built the swings and baseball diamond. The girls plant flowers and learn crafts. These are extra-curricula activities that I am mentioning.

The outstanding programs that drew loads of attention to the Home and School were the Christmas Cantata which depicted the "Story of the Christ Child", the Musical which was given for the benefit of the M. Y. F. Right now the emphasis is placed upon prepara-

tions for the Easter Pageant, which will feature the Godman Choir and soloists in the "Living Pictures of The Last Days of Christ". The Elementary Choral will again star with biblical interpretations. This pageant is to be given for the benefit of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the local church. Plans are being assembled for the May Day Exercises. Oh! there will be such beauty each of you will enjoy and want to see. Calisthenics! Maypole Dance! The girls are making their own costumes. Why not come down to your Sager-Brown Home and Godman School on the Bayou Teche before it is moved away?

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Everyn R. Thomas, Superintendent
And Her Staff

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VISITING INSTITUTIONS

Each institution within the Louisiana Conference was visited by one or more members of the committee during the past year. Close contact between the head of each institution and the committee has been a bond of mutual helpfulness. Knowing their needs and channeling information to local societies have brought about the continuous flow of the right kind of supplies into these institutions.

Transition and change have marked the past year. The new Business Girls' Inn is complete and serving 54 young employed women. This is the first of more possible changes and expansions in other Louisiana work. We realize that conditions change rapidly today, and the Woman's Society is quick to keep in step with the times, and stands ready to meet new needs as they arise.

We find the spirit splendid throughout, truly seeing Christianity at work as we view the over-all picture.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Chairman

WESLEY FOUNDATION

Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.

On hearing students frankly state, "I want to go to Retreat because it will give me a chance to get away from dorm regulations so I can really have a good time", the Fall retreat committee simply made it clear through the paper, (delivered to every Methodist student), announcements, and conversation, that the program was to be evenly balanced between worship, study, and recreation; anyone wishing to attend for those reasons would be welcomed. Consequently the thirty-five who went experienced a deep fellowship with God and classmates.

Thus, our students are led to make their own choice as to whether or not they will participate in our activities. However, the number of active participants, seventy-five last semester, and fifty this semester, compared with the total number of Methodist students, 276, shows that we should be reaching more students. We have had no central meeting room since construction was begun on the new Religious Center in January. Perhaps these are the main reasons for our reaching such a small percentage of the students; we have never had any program of personal visitation, and we did not organize committees so that everyone could be given a job on the committee of his choice. In fact all of our activities, except the discussion and worship programs have been planned by the Council. These are some of the weaknesses of our total program which we are planning to strengthen next year.

Our students are also led to form their own conclusions about

all the basic issues of our day, because their discussion and worship programs are created by the committee to meet the needs of the student and to challenge him to know his own mind concerning the subject presented. The purpose of each worship service is to confront the student with his own relationship to God, and to consequently enrich and develop that relationship. As a result of the concerns developed, the students have sent magazine subscriptions to Mercy Memorial Home, a CARE package to Germany, \$50 to the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund, and monthly packages and letters to a Polish war victim. Though the participating group is small, it is thoroughly committed to practicing Jesus' teachings; and three new people have been drawn in each month.

Our program has been correlated in every way with the campus Religious Emphasis Week, and the state and national MSM programs. Students have been able to attend state retreats, state conference, and regional conferences, because of the close interest and cooperation of the local church, the WSCS, the Campus Church Relations Committee, and all those in the conference contributing to the \$5 Plan.

Margynel Bynum, Director

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE Lafayette, La.

Last May two of our graduating seniors conceived the idea of using talents for Wesley, both were musical. They presented an organ-piano recital and took in more than \$200.00 by the free-will offering. This was the first effort toward our new building to be.

Rev. Rickey and I with student posters and speakers attended annual conference and asked permission to solicit funds. This request was granted within certain boundaries. We came home and began to work, in our district and First Church. Rev. Rickey has done an excellent job. S. L. I. students have raised \$1,711.47 of their \$2,000.00 quota. The unity, zeal and determination of students would please your hearts.

Student publicity for past year has been exceptional. The booklets which were designed, mimeographed by the students has brought dividends on deputation trips as well as to resident students.

We have an active council of 15 students who plan and carry through our program. Our Campus-Church Relations Committee is functioning beautifully under the leadership of our efficient, beloved Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. W. A. Atkinson, Sr.

One of the outstanding programs of the year was our Christmas Program presented by a cast of 48 students which included two choirs, an angelic choir of girls and a male choir and the modern application of the old story which included the old story itself, written and directed by students, brought to First Church a capacity crowd. People were standing everywhere and the re-awakening or awakening of students to the Christ is something which will live eternally in the cast as well as in the on-lookers.

Deputation teams have been moving. We have been in seven churches, and we thank God for you good Methodists every time we visit a church. We need you and hope to return in life and service the faith and money you invest in us.

Our enrollment at S. L. I. is 350 students, 125 girls, and 225 boys. Forty students commute, 45 are married. We haven't reached married students as we should.

We average about 100 different students each day in our center for work, for fellowship, play, and worship. On Thursday night we

have averaged 59 students by actual count. The spirit and caliber of programs are a thing of which you can justly be proud. I've never seen better. The variety: poetry, choric reading, puppets, shadow graphs, art and outside speakers have enriched many lives. We have 2 boys and 2 girls who plan to enlist in full time Christian Service. A score of others say Christ shall have first place wherever they serve. Others are receiving valuable training in Churchmanship —Thanks for your help.

Respectfully submitted
Pearlye Maye Kelly, Counsellor

P. S. Blueprints for our new building are being studied by the adult committee and students. At M. S. M. conference (S.L.I.—29 delegates strong) compared notes with other students as to needs and plans for their groups. By comparison and contrast we hope to build a center adequate for present and future use.

LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE Ruston, La.

The students of La. Tech have really been working this year. I cannot give an account of all the activities of the group; therefore I will try to tell about a few of the most important activities of the Wesley Foundation. First in importance is the work of the deputation teams. In the fall we had several teams going out to the nearby churches giving regular the Sunday morning program. There were forty who signed up for this work; most of them had an opportunity to go with at least one group. It means a lot to the young people to be able to render this service to the church. It also means a lot to adults to hear them tell in simple words what their religious faith means to them. The district superintendent and the men of the Ruston church have made this possible; Bro. Hoffpauir made the schedule for us, and the men furnished the transportation.

Second, I want to mention our participation in the METHODIST STUDENT FELLOWSHIP FUND. We chose our fellow college—the theological seminary in Germany—and our fellow American project—the MacDonnel school in Houma—last fall. Our gifts to this fund are sent to our two schools. This fund is to students what the MYF fund is to local youth. We send in our money each month; half goes to the Board of Missions and half to the Board of Education in Nashville. In addition to our regular giving, we made a special Thanksgiving offering for fifty copies of SING IT AGAIN and a year's subscription to MOTIVE to the Seminary. We have also mailed two boxes of used clothing, thread, needles, scissors to the seminary.

Another project of ours is to clothe one boy at the Methodist Home here—Benny Walker. We bought his clothes last fall—\$68.00—then at Christmas we were able to buy everything he wanted at a cost of \$25.00. We have just bought his spring clothes for \$43.00. All we lack is his shoes. Soon we are having him and several of his friends over for a birthday party as his birthday is in March. As we give to others, we ourselves grow. We have really been emphasizing two objectives—service to the church and service to others.

Third, we are reaching out in our attempt to broaden our horizons by sending delegates to the various conferences for students. Three of ours went to the Ecumenical Conference in Kansas during the Christmas holidays. One has just returned from the citizenship seminar in Washington and one is now in New York attending the United Nations Seminar. These conferences bring new life and new interests. Recently Miss Bieri was with us for a day; she talked to

several students about full time service and also talked to the council.

The students are using POWER regularly; the church here gets us fifty copies each quarter. The subscription rate for Motive went up almost 150% this year. We now have fifty-eight students taking it. Many of them read it very thoroughly each month.

We are planning a study class during Holy Week, a sacrificial meal, and Communion just before we leave for the Easter holidays.

Of course we have all the regular activities—Sunday School, Evening meeting on Sunday, Church attendance, vespers, council meetings, socials, etc. The spirit of the students is fine and co-operative. The people in the church here have been wonderful; they help in every way. The center was completely repainted, floors refinished, and furniture upholstered by them since I have been here. Never have I found a whole church more co-operative than this one. That means a lot to me and to the students to know that they are really behind us in all that we do. The year has been good in every way.

COME VISIT US ANY TIME YOU ARE IN RUSTON.

Sincerely,
Lucille Pierce

Department of Law

BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and By-Laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book, and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Article I Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Status of Women, and a secretary of Missionary Personnel.

At the annual meeting the fourth year of the quadrennium the following officers shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a Promotion secretary, a secretary of Missionary Education and Service, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, a secretary of Supplies, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. (a) At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Society shall elect six delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, all of whom shall be Conference officers. Three of these, including the president, shall be by office, the other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur in the offices designated during the quadrennium, the successor in office shall be considered the Conference representative. Vacancies occurring among those elected by name shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

(c) Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Article II

Vacancies

Section 1. When vacancies among Conference officers, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the Administrative Committee with ratification by the Executive Committee until the next regular election.

Section 2. When more than one half of an unexpired term of office in the Conference or District is filled, it shall constitute a full term of office.

Article III

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the officers, the District Presidents, District secretaries of Promotion District treasurers and such persons as the Conference society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdiction officers residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be chairman; the vice-president, the Promotion secretary, the treasurer and officers residing in the District involved in matters of administration. This committee shall have the power to serve as an ad interim committee . . .

Article IV

Funds

Section 1. All officers shall submit itemized expense accounts quarterly, and in as far as possible keep within the amount heretofore advanced: president \$25.00; vice-president, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Spiritual Life Cultivation, Supplies, Status of Women, and Missionary Personnel, \$12.50; treasurer \$10.00; Literature and Publications \$15.00. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

Section 2. A sum not to exceed \$300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities for the promotion of this department of work in the Conference.

Section 3. Fifty cents per member shall be set aside by the treasurer for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of May 1 of the preceding year. Expense of officers, speakers at Annual meetings, expense of Executive meetings, expense of delegates to Jurisdiction Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, expense for promotional and educational work of the Conference shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 4. Each local society shall include in its budget for District Cultivation Fund, an amount equal to ten cents per member, to be remitted to the District treasurer.

Section 5. District treasurers shall set aside \$25.00 each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

Article V

Districts

Section 1. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be appointed by the District presi-

dent for a term of two years with the privilege of re-appointment for one additional term. The zone leaders shall hold not less than two meetings in their respective zones each year. A collection may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the District treasurer.

Section 2. District officers shall be elected biennially for a term not to exceed four years, with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years. To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with biennial election. Group number one to be comprised of: a president, a treasurer, secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Status of Women and Missionary Personnel. Group number two shall be composed of a vice-president, a recording secretary, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Literature and Publications, Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities, Supplies, and Spiritual Life Cultivation.

Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the District officers, the Conference and Jurisdiction officers and members of the Woman's Division residing in the District.

Article VI

Standing Committee

Section 1. There shall be a Standing committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist Women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. The committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, informal studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 2. There shall be a Standing committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities, which may include District secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local church activities or other specially trained leaders in the field of social action, including the Wesleyan Service Guild members, and members of the department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference concerning the work of the Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Division and Jurisdiction.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Study and Action composed of the secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year and make recommendations concerning the same to the Conference Society.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the Conference as chairman, and the treasurers of the District societies, the Conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild or her representative, and a

limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference society. This committee shall meet semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall study the strength of the society in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed of Conference income and assist by counsel in the forming of the Conference pledge and budget.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Status of Women. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the status of women in the local church, the community, the state, the nation and in other lands. This study shall include the bases of Woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the church. This committee shall make recommendations to the Conference society for the promotion of such lines of activities as will improve her status and enable her to serve effectively.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel, composed of the Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, who shall be chairman, the Conference president, the Promotion secretary, the secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, the secretary of Youth Work, and the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgement of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction.

Section 7. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Conference, of the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the Executive committee.

Section 8. There shall be a Deaconess Advisory Committee in each District where a deaconess is employed, with the following personnel: the District president, who shall be the chairman, the District Promotion secretary, the District superintendent, Conference officers within the District, the pastor in charge of the local church, and the presidents of each society in the charge in which the work is undertaken. The committee shall meet semi-annually, at which time the worker employed by the Conference shall make a report. Written reports shall be made monthly to the District president, Conference president, and the Conference Promotion secretary.

The District Advisory committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the District.

During the time that the work of the Rural Deaconess is coordinated with the work of the Annual Conference Board of Christian Education she shall report quarterly to the Conference president, the Conference treasurer, and the Executive secretary of the Board of Educa-

tion. This committee shall direct her work.

Section 9. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District secretaries of Promotion, with a chairman elected by the Executive committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the Conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of standing committees. It shall report its findings when called for, to the Conference society.

Article VII

Amendment

Section 1. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws thirty days before the annual meeting of the Conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. All communications from Conference officers, such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., must go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society; the Conference officer is expected to provide postage for same.

2. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

3. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

4. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District president, the District Promotion secretary, the District treasurer, and the District secretary of Supplies.

5. Typist shall be supplied at the annual meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

6. A half-hour of each forenoon during the annual meeting of Conference shall be devoted to worship.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and the Promotion secretary.

2. In order that the society entertaining the annual conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time, the

reports should be made out and mailed to District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than July 15.

7. The Promotion secretary in each local society shall send the Memorial Roll to the Promotion secretary of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. Representation at annual meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society however small will have one delegate.

10. The hostess society for the annual meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee, and the delegate from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expense to be paid by their local society.

11. Thirty days before the annual meeting the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the Conference registration cards, which she shall fill in the names of delegates, and with check covering meals, and mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

12. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegate or delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Conference.

13. In each local society there shall be a committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the secretary of Youth Work, who shall be the chairman, the secretary of Student Work, the pastor of the church, and president of the society, whose duties shall be to channel names of prospective candidates to the District and Conference secretaries of Missionary Personnel.

14. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer of Missions.

15. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the committee on Finance before being presented to the Society.

ROSTER OF ZONE LEADERS AND SOCIETY PRESIDENTS ACCORDING TO ZONES AND DISTRICTS

Alexandria District

Zone No. 1—Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Urania, La.

Church

President

Address

Natchitoches	Mrs. C. C. Dethloff	_____	_____
Jena	Mrs. A. I. Breithaupt	_____	East Cane River Rd., Natchitoches, La.
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Urania	Mrs. M. A. Johnson	_____	Tullos, La.
Winnfield	Mrs. Harold V. Dunford	_____	Urania, La.
Jonesville	Mrs. Lee Armand	_____	Winnfield, La.
Trout	Mrs. T. E. Watts	_____	Jonesville, La.
Davis Springs	Mrs. Cecil Wood	_____	Good Pine, La.
		_____	Campti, La. R. F. D.

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Montgomery	Mrs. L. J. Harrison	_____	Montgomery, La.
Palestine	Mrs. G. T. Hudson	_____	Rt. 1, Pineville, La.
Pineville	Mrs. Carroll Barron	_____	Pineville, La.
Pollock	Miss Mollye Stewart	_____	Pollock, La.
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Ball	Mrs. Warren Mitchell	_____	Ball, La.

Zone 3—Mrs. George W. Harbuck, 1919 White St., Alexandria, La.

Alexandria First Church	Mrs. S. L. Calhoun	_____	2241 Thornton Court, Alexandria, La.
Alexandria Trinity	Mrs. Charles A. Myers	_____	2419 Midway St., Alexandria, La.
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Glenmora	Mrs. R. H. Andrews	_____	Glenmora, La.
Lecompte	Mrs. C. E. Cox	_____	Lecompte, La.
Oakdale	Mrs. Pauline Warrington	_____	Oakdale, La.

Zone 4—Mrs. C. A. Biddle, Marksville, La.

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Marksville	Mrs. Philo Coco	Marksville, La.
Melville	Mrs. J. R. Strozier	Melville, La.
Opelousas	Mrs. John S. Dowling	Opelousas
Palmetto	Mrs. Charles Boyer	Palmetto, La.
Evergreen	Mrs. Charles O'Brien, Jr.	Evergreen, La.
Ville Platte	Mrs. William Parker	Rural Route, Ville Platte
Jacoby	Mrs. C. V. Ventrella	Batchelor, La.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. John Piker, Slaughter, La.

Baton Rouge First Church	Mrs. Walter Roberts, Jr.	1257 Laurel St., Baton Rouge
Ingleside	Mrs. W. E. Carey	709 Winn Ave., Baton Rouge
Istrouma	Mrs. T. M. Ellis	2821 Brady St., Baton Rouge
Lottie	Mrs. W. H. Zeigler	Lottie
North Baton Rouge	Mrs. R. E. Hodgkinson	3215 Sycamore, Baton Rouge
Plaquemine	Mrs. W. C. Lee	Plaquemine
Rosedale	Mrs. W. S. Row	Marलगौन
Slaughter	Mrs. J. I. Law	Slaughter
University Church	Mrs. L. M. Harrison	2150 Olive St., Baton Rouge
Windbourne Ave. Church	Mrs. M. P. Pritchard	3659 Plank Road, Baton Rouge
Zachary	Mrs. J. A. Jacocks	Zachary

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. A. O. Buckingham, Bogalusa, La.

Angie	Mrs. Clyde Adams	Angie, La.
Bogalusa	Mrs. Finnis Gibbs	722 Carolina Ave., Bogalusa
Fisher	Mrs. Mary Miller	Rt. 3, Franklinton
Franklinton	Mrs. B. A. Galloway	Franklinton
Montpelier	Mrs. Oran George, Secretary	Montpelier
Mt. Hermon	Mrs. C. B. Rogers	Mt. Hermon
Pine Grove	Mrs. Athalea Shillings	Pine Grove

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. Carrie Worton, Denham Springs, La.

Baker	Mrs. N. E. Nichols	Baker
Bethel	Mrs. Richard Jones	Greenwell Springs
Blackwater	Mrs. B. I. LeBlanc	Rt. 1, Baker
Carpenter's Chapel	Mrs. Eddie Bodeaux	Hobart
Deerford	Mrs. W. J. Tucker	Zachery
Denham Springs	Mrs. Kenneth Landry	Denham Springs
Live Oak	Mrs. J. D. Off	Watson
Magnolia	Mrs. George Bailey	Greenwell Springs
Mangum Chapel	Mrs. Lula Wesley	Corbin
Meadows Chapel	Mrs. A. Hebert	Prairieville
New River	Mrs. C. A. Lowe	Sorrento

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. R. E. Kennison, Tangipahoa, La.

Amite	Mrs. W. M. Eldridge	N. Laurel, Amite
Greensburg	Mrs. C. S. Holland	Greensburg
Hammond	Mrs. Robert Allen	Avalon Terrace, Hammond
Kentwood	Mrs. J. L. Davis	Kentwood
Lee's Landing	Mrs. Alvin Carpenter	Rt. 1, Ponchatoula
Loranger	Mrs. M. L. Cook	Loranger
Pine Ridge	Mrs. L. E. Watson	Rt. 1, Kentwood
Ponchatoula	Mrs. Minnie Varnado	Ponchatoula
Springfield	Mrs. Robert Ball	Springfield
Tangipahoa	Mrs. Ellis Varnado	Rt. 2, Kentwood
Tickfaw	Miss Ruth Nesom	Tickfaw
Wesley Chapel	Mrs. Hilary Pittman	Ponchatoula

Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. J. F. Wall, St. Francisville, La.

Clinton	Mrs. John E. Richardson	Clinton
Ethel	Mrs. Ben Price	Ethel
Faithful	Mrs. Glen Williams	Rt. 2, Gonzales
Jackson	Mrs. Wade Connell	Jackson
New Hope	Mrs. E. F. Reames	Rt. 1, Jackson
New Roads	Mrs. T. J. Gleason	New Roads
St. Francisville	Mrs. R. E. Watson	St. Francisville

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. Robert Jackson, Many, La.

DeRidder	Mrs. O. J. Hood	601 S. Royal St., DeRidder
Leesville	Mrs. W. H. Pollard	1401 Texas St., Leesville
Merryville	Mrs. Brody Crow	Merryville
Many	Mrs. C. D. Hancock	Many
Prospect	Mrs. M. A. Sandel	Rt. 3, Florien

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. W. P. Lewis, Sulphur, La.

DeQuincy	Mrs. H. W. Hamilton	DeQuincy, La.
Lake Charles First	Mrs. F. F. Johnson	711 Drew St., Lake Charles
Maplewood	Mrs. Ed Watkins	32 E. End Ave., Maplewood
Simpson	Mrs. D. A. Collette	719 Iris St., Lake Charles
Sulphur	Mrs. C. A. Edwards	M. R. H. 1, Box 18½, Sulphur
University	Mrs. Phillip Knause	103 Seventh St., Lake Charles
Vinton	Mrs. A. B. Baker	Vinton
West Lake	Mrs. C. D. Adams	West Lake

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. Horace Denison, Iowa, La.

Basile	Mrs. J. M. Estes	Basile
Elton	Mrs. G. O. Hine	Elton
Iowa	Mrs. Donald Petticrew	Iowa
Jennings	Mrs. Welsh	Jennings
Kinder	Mrs. H. G. Perry	Kinder
Lake Arthur	Mrs. R. O. Doland	Lake Arthur
Raymond	Mrs. E. M. Brown	R. 1, Elton
Welsh	Mrs. T. J. Fear	Welsh

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. G. K. Sulton, Crowley, La.

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Ebenezer	Mrs. John E. Hoffpauir	Rt. 1, Crowley
Eunice	Mrs. J. P. Bedell	Eunice
Gueydon	Mrs. Ethel Merritt	Rt. 1, Kaplan, La.
Indian Bayou	Mrs. A. E. Robideaux	Rt. 2, Kaplan, La.
Jeanerette	Mrs. S. A. Thornton	Jeanerette
Kaplan	Mrs. Luther Fletcher, Jr.	Kaplan
Lafayette First	Mrs. O. A. Newport	Lafayette
Maxie	Mrs. William Winchester	R. F. D., Rayne
New Iberia	Mrs. M. B. LeMaire	128 Bank Ave., New Iberia
Rayne	Mrs. Carl Curtis	311 E. North St., Rayne
Ridge	Mrs. Inez Whittington	Rt. 1, Duson

MONROE DISTRICT

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Brownville	Mrs. W. A. Coats	W. Monroe, La., 215 McKaskle St.
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Columbia	Mrs. R. E. Lee	Columbia, La.
Columbia Heights	Mrs. Mattie Colton	Columbia, La., Rt. 2
Gordon Ave.	Mrs. C. V. Fleming	Monroe, La., 605 Calypso St.
Grayson	Mrs. T. L. Cagle	Columbia, La.
Kelly	Mrs. Lonnie Thomas	Kelly, La.
Memorial	Mrs. H. M. Moak	Monroe, La., Box 923
Monroe First	Mrs. E. N. Jackson	Monroe, La., 209 Roselawn
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Olla	Mrs. John Waggoner	Olla, La.

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Bonita	Mrs. Lillie Humphrey	Bonita, La., Rt. 1
Collinston	Mrs. A. H. Harper	Collinston, La.
Fairbanks	Mrs. O. E. Hinton	Fairbanks, La.
Jones	Mrs. W. L. Pugh	Jones, La.
Mer Rouge	Mrs. Hassell Clark	Mer Rouge, La.
Oak Ridge	Mrs. James Rolfe	Oak Ridge, La.
Sterlington	Mrs. O. J. Parker, Sr.	Sterlington, La., Box 442
Bartholomew	Mrs. D. J. Lloyd	Gallion, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. W. S. Peck, Sicily Island, La.

Buckner	Mrs. C. N. Hatch	Rayville, La., Rt. 3
Crowville	Mrs. A. A. Bush	Winnsboro, La., Rt. 4
Doucieri	Mrs. J. U. Douciere	Rayville, La., Rt. 3
Gilbert	Mrs. J. A. Childers	Gilbert, La.
Little Creek	Mrs. W. C. McKay	Archibald, La.
Mangham	Mrs. M. K. McConnell, Sr.	Mangham, La.
Rayville	Mrs. W. Lee Haley	Rayville, La., Box 516
Sicily Island	Mrs. W. S. Peck, Sr.	Sicily Island, La.
Winnsboro	Mrs. Claude E. Scott	Winnsboro, La., Box 162
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ADDRESSES

Excerpts from the Address given by Mrs. W. M. Alexander: The Sacrificial Way of Life

"What do we, who call ourselves by Christ's name do more than others? 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these other things will be added unto you'—denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following Him.

Scripture taken from Mark 10:32-39—'Are you able to drink of the cup that I am about to partake of?' Which is easier—to live for a cause or to die for a cause?

As we think of this great Advancement are we willing to go out and seek the other women—willing to give our valuable time and service to others? It will mean self-sacrifice—"The cup that my father taketh, shall I drink?"

Are we able to pray 'Father forgive them, they know not what they do'? Keep three things; the way of the Cross means: (1) Self-sacrifice; (2) Accepting God's will and by his grace accepting what comes; (3) Forgive.

When singing 'Are ye Able', pray 'Lord make me Able'—pray a prayer of pardon—pray for the church, for missions, for our country and the peace of the world . . . "

Beyond Calvary—Mrs. Guy Hicks

"Picture in your mind the scene of the Cross as if you were there.

Mary, the mother of Jesus—as she saw her son nailed to the Cross praying 'Why are you there, son? You first told me when you were twelve years old that you **must** be about your father's business. You are saying something? That something is beyond Calvary! My son, you are my love gift to the world and God's gift to the world'.

Another eye witness to Calvary was Mary Magdalene. What was in her heart as she stood gazing at her Master upon the Cross? 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up'—something beyond Calvary.

Simon of Cyrene—"There's something beyond this Calvary. Take my love gift, my Master, myself!"

Turn your imagination from distance of time to today and think of a Chinese woman of today—Missionaries have told her of Christ's love. What is she praying? 'You were put on that Cross for me? What about my country **now**? I pray for help for my country, my people, my children. It makes me tremble as I saw them crucify my Lord'.

Today an ordinary woman like you and me—she's thinking of Calvary this Easter season. What is her prayer? 'Oh Master, I thank thee for the marvelous gifts you have given us as American women. Oh, how little we love thee compared to thy sacrifice. What about my sister in China? Will I share with her, will I sacrifice for her? Help me to give not out of my abundance but that the extent of my gift may be something I will have to do without'.

The Way of Service—Mrs. W. M. Alexander

"The story of the good Samaritan on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho represents the way of life—old people, helpless people and alone, children hungry—you and I. There's the robber, the traveler, the priest, the Levite. Three mottoes followed thru this story: (1) Robber—"What's yours in mine". (2) Levite and Priest—"What's mine is mine". (3) Samaritan—"What's mine is curs'.

The Samaritan recognized human need. We can become so busy, even in our church activities, that we forget the Jericho road.

Jesus said, 'Ye shall receive power and ye shall be my witnesses'. Georgia Harkness says that we meet opportunities every day to witness for our Lord—if we but look for them.

We've got to have something and we've got to keep moving until we find it.

So many people who know about Christ but who do not know Him. Why are people bored? Because they have no purpose in life. It's up to you and me to tell these people about the abundant life. Each one is responsible for feeding 10 people of the multitude. If we do not have bread, we should know where to get it."

The Advance In Our Christian Work—Dr. Gaither P. Warfield

"Totalitarianism and Christianity cannot live side by side. There is no **middle crowd** in Italy in Catholicism, they are either Catholic or they are not.

Protestant churches are threatened in Europe. The strongest Methodist Church in Europe is in Germany.

Another danger to be considered to Methodism in Europe is Methodism of those countries behind the iron curtain.

What can our Methodist Advance mean to Europe? It plans to strengthen Methodism over Europe.

Do not be afraid of the bugaboo about the World Council of Churches. Spiritual power starts in the individual homes but most is accomplished through **united efforts** of Protestantism.

The old days of complacent Christian living is gone.

We must lay aside cultural drives and put all effort into Christian training of youth.

At the center of our faith is a cross. Life is not one easy ride of happiness.

Christianity is changing the world when it works hand in hand with Jesus Christ. We can look confidently to the future because we have our faith. We have a Savior who can break the chains."

More Than We Are—Mrs. W. M. Alexander

"Isn't that what each wants to be? If we really desire to be the children of God we must accept the power of God to our lives and we must invite Him to come in.

Jesus has given us this power in the great Commandment 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart ' He seeks us most desperately, He longs for your love and devotion. He showed us how we may come to Him through a consecrated prayer life.

We must spend enough time in His presence to get acquainted with Him—learn to be still if we're going to know God.

If we will let God stand in the background of our lives, and willing to lend our lives to Him, He will reveal to us the formula.

Look away from the things that are temporal—to the things that are eternal.

Stanley Jones has said, 'Let go, let God:'—be the medium through which we let the medium of God work through us.

We first must give ourselves to our Lord—a day by day devotion, crucifixion of self, sharing—do we love Him enough?"

Malnutrition—Mrs. R. H. Cole

"There are three types of physical malnutrition: (1) Not getting enough food to eat. (2) An unbalanced diet which results in lost vision. (3) Stubborn habits of eating that do not give the things needed.

The same things that cause physical malnutrition are true of mental malnutrition.

There is no literature like the Bible for teaching us how to produce men who are stronger than their own desires.

The present famine in Bibles and in suitable Christian literature is perhaps the most alarming feature in the total Christian program today.

There is a black market of Bibles in Latin America. Enough Bibles cannot be gotten for all who want them until 1952.

The three main types of mental malnutrition are: (1) The type that results when we are surrounded by Christian literature and our Bible and yet we read other things for entertainment. (2) Blindness—reading Christian literature so that she may see what is going on all around the world. (3) Dizziness and lassitude.

The call from the Advance program specifies that we must have an increase of 1/3 in subscriptions to the 'Methodist Woman' and the 'World Outlook'."

The Church Ecumenical—Dr. John Melton

"England has a part in our civilization—only for the Marshall aid could it survive. I not only saw people undernourished, hungry and poor spiritually as well as financially.

When walking the streets of Germany one sees man's disorder.

The Catholic priests in Europe are interested in the happenings at Amsterdam, they had been forbidden to attend by orders of the Pope.

What about capitalism as well as Communism in Christianity?

There was nothing superficial about Amsterdam—there one knew that in Christ Jesus there is a reality and a unity and strength that hell cannot break loose.

We must give up narrow secularism to be able to have an ecumenical church.

The church is the perpetuation of the body of Jesus Christ.

Pray for God's meekness and humility so that His spirit will live always in our hearts.

Down in the Southland we are facing the greatest issues—economic and social injustices. Unless we recognize our utter stupidity, Amsterdam can never live !

John Foster Dulles has said, "The greatest power in the world is the Protestant Church of America !

It's going to take a new faith to save the world."

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